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The Raptors have parted with Jose Calderon, right, their longest-serving and oldest player, in a franchise-altering trade with the Memphis Grizzlies. Raps president and general manager Bryan Colangelo confirmed the deal on Wednesday night during a game in Atlanta. Toronto has also parted with Ed Davis in exchange for forward Rudy Gay, left, and Hamed Haddadi. The Grizzlies are flipping Calderon to the Detroit Pistons. "I've done everything possible for this team. It's tough," Calderon said. See story, page 32. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES; BAHRAM MARK SOBHANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chief Spence the butt of Tory jokes

Two members of Stephen Harper's caucus publicly disparaged the Idle No More movement and Chief Theresa Spence, making fun of her weight and nails PAGE 6

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Who will go back to Black?

Calling all BlackBerry diehards. Former users wooed by BB10 to return to the brand

Olympic sprinter Justyn Warner held out as long as he could. He even clung to his BlackBerry after picking up a sponsor-provided iPhone.

He watched friends acquire Androids and Samsung Galaxys, and saw membership in his track club's BlackBerry Messenger group dwindle to just a handful of BlackBerry diehards.

Finally, late last summer, even Canada's Fastest Man had to leave BlackBerry in the dust, ditching the device to depend exclusively on his iPhone.

Warner wasn't alone. By October BlackBerry's share of the smartphone market had dropped to 1.6 per cent in the U.S. and 2.9 per cent globally, according to one research firm.

But with Wednesday's unveiling of BlackBerry's new BB10 smartphone line, the Olympic semifinalist in the 100 metres is set to reconsider.

"I would go back," Warner says. "I like the voice messaging. I thought that was really cool. It was almost like Skype."

The question facing BlackBerry is finding enough Justyn Warners — former users wooed by the BB10 to return to the brand — to boost the company's sagging stock price and allow it to reclaim market share.

Toronto-based app developer Ray Sharma says the new phone delivers the upgrades BlackBerry needed if it hopes to salvage its flagging brand. Whether they can pull it off remains "the billion-dollar question," says Sharma, founder and president of the app developer XMG. "It has to be great, not good. Good is not good enough. You've got loyal BlackBerry users (and) they'll upgrade … But the users that have left; are they going to come back?"

Other users have been impressed with what they've seen so far.

Shawn Jones, who works in IT field support for VIA Rail, carries three cellphones; one of his own and two more for his job. He hopes the BB10 will allow him to consolidate.

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Wednesday's launch

If value was measured in online buzz, the latest incarnation of the BlackBerry would be priceless.

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U of T students to vie for reality-TV supremacy

U of T's student-run campus station is holding auditions for an online reality TV show, a "Survivor-esque, Big Brother-type" production that will be posted on YouTube, said director Ana Sani, 21.

The show will feature eight students locked inside a yet-to-be-revealed residence in Mississauga for 12 hours. They will be cut off from the outside world: No phones, no Internet, no TV.

Every few hours there will be a mix of mental and physical challenges to winnow the participants down to two. The winner will be decided by votes cast by the six eliminated participants, and will go home with $500. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City hall

Ex-mayors' anti-casino plea fails to move Ford

Mayor Rob Ford is flatly rejecting a plea from three former mayors that he and the rest of city council slam the door on downtown casino proposals.

Ford told reporters Wednesday that he disagrees with the strongly worded letter from David Crombie, John Sewell and Senator Art Eggleton.

Rob Ford
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The trio warn Ford and council to "beware the sales pitch" from Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. and casino operators, saying potential economic benefits are overblown and there are huge potential risks to local businesses and the city's social fabric. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Don't put your skates away just yet ...

A Zamboni tries to remove some of the surface water on the rink at Nathan Phillips Square Wednesday, after heavy rains left the rink looking more like it appears in the summertime. Toronto broke another weather record, hitting a high of 14 C. The previous high of 9.1 C was set back in 2006. Colder weather returns Thursday and Friday, with flurries in the forecast. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Clinics that failed to meet standards to go unnamed

Private health services. Despite vow for more transparency, college's proposed bylaw allows for past inspection misses to be kept secret

Quoted

"You have these people purchasing services at these clinics and they have no information about the history of the quality of services offered there. The public have a right to know which ones weren't doing well." Colleen Flood, health law professor

The public will probably never know the names of nine private health clinics that failed inspection, even though the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is set to pass a new bylaw allowing inspection results to be made public.

Nine private clinics in Ontario failed out-of-hospital premises inspections, according to a college report published late last year, while 64 others passed with conditions. But the college said it could not reveal their names because it was bound by a confidentiality clause in the Regulated Health Professions Act.

After Torstar News Service published a series of stories surrounding the secrecy, the college agreed to consider passing a bylaw that would allow the names of the clinics to be released.

If the college council votes in favour of an amended bylaw at a meeting Thursday, it will mean some results of inspections — which assess staff qualifications, infection control and types of equipment used — will be posted.

However, careful wording of the proposed bylaw stands in the way of the college ever having to name the nine clinics.

According to its website, if the bylaw is passed, the college says it will post the outcomes of inspections on its public register. It specifies it will post all outcomes since inspections began in Ontario in April 2010.

But a second sentence describing the amended bylaw says it will only apply to the most current outcome as of Jan. 31, 2013, and every outcome after that date. In other words, the bylaw will not apply retroactively to those clinics that failed an inspection but have since been upgraded to a "pass" or a "pass with conditions" status.

Prithi Yelaja, a spokesperson for the college, confirmed that those clinics that failed could stay secret if the bylaw passes.

This directly contradicts a statement that Health Minister Deb Matthews made in December, when she vowed to identify the clinics that did not pass inspection, stating "people deserve to know" the names of the secret clinics.

At the time, the college also vowed to make the outcome of clinic inspections more transparent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Axe murder case hinges on hearsay: Lawyer

Nicola Puddicombe. Lawyer argues that she was unfairly convicted of clubbing boyfriend to death so she could live with her lesbian lover

There's still plenty of debate on exactly what happened on the night of Oct. 27, 2006 when Dennis Hoy, 36, was bludgeoned at least a half dozen times in the bed of his longtime girlfriend Nicola Puddicombe in her apartment on the Queensway.

At the time of Hoy's death, Puddicombe was involved in a lesbian relationship with Ashleigh Pechaluk, a younger co-worker at a Loblaws. Puddicombe was also still entwined in a relationship with Hoy.

The women were tried separately in 2009 for first-degree murder in Hoy's death. Pechaluk was acquitted after her confession to police was ruled inadmissible because she was not told of her right to legal counsel.

Months after her former lover walked free, Puddicombe was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. In their separate trials, the former lovers each blamed the other for the murder, but the Crown argued that the lovers plotted Hoy's murder so that they could live together and collect his life insurance and pension.

Key to the appeal is the testimony of Sarah Sousa, a Loblaws co-worker who told juries in both trials that Pechaluk spoke of varying plans to kill Hoy, including clubbing.

Puddicombe's lawyer, David Harris, argued Wednesday at Osgoode Hall that current procedure for instructing juries on the weight of hearsay evidence in conspiracy trials is simply too complicated. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Dennis Hoy was bludgeoned to death with an axe while sleeping in the bed of his girlfriend, Nicola Puddicome in 2006. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Probe findings. Gas station workers not asked to pay for stolen fuel

The Labour ministry has closed its two investigations into slain gas attendant Jayesh Prajapati's employer without finding evidence of workers being asked to pay for stolen fuel.

Prajapati was killed last Sept. 15, after a vehicle struck him in what police say was a "gas and dash" incident at the Shell station where he worked. Friends and family of the 44-year-old father told Torstar News Service Prajapati told them he had to pay for stolen gas out of his own pocket, a practice that would violate the province's Employment Standards Act.

Maz Alibhai, who owns the station where Prajapati worked, has said his employees don't have to pay for stolen gas and that he covers those costs.

Alibhai didn't return a call requesting comment on Wednesday.

Employment standards officers visited five gas stations owned by the employer — 1800261 Ontario Inc. — and found "very minor problems," said ministry spokesman Matt Blajer.

Jayesh Prajapati and his son, Rishabh TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"They were paying vacation pay but ... they weren't recording it properly, the way we would like it to be recorded," he said.

The ministry also conducted a health and safety investigation, which occurs after a workplace fatality.

Since Prajapati's death, the ministry has gone on an inspection blitz, vowing to visit 275 gas stations in Ontario to ensure all are following rules when it comes to things like hours of work, unpaid wages and record keeping. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

$7.16 million

eHealth employees get class-action windfall

Hundreds of eHealth Ontario employees will share a $7.16-million windfall after settling their class-action lawsuit against the province's electronic health records agency, Torstar News Service has learned.

The workers sued their employer for $11 million after eHealth reneged on promised 1.9 per cent merit raises and bonuses averaging 7.8 per cent in the wake of a media firestorm.

On May 18, 2011, reports revealed that every eHealth staffer had been promised in writing a pay hike despite a government wage-freeze edict. With the Oct. 6, 2011 election looming, Premier Dalton McGuinty's government slammed the brakes on a scheme designed to keep eHealth's specialized workforce from being poached by high-paying private-sector information-technology firms.

Because eHealth had been plagued by a 2009 expenses scandal involving well-paid consultants, the Liberals were worried the revelations would reignite the controversy. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Photo caption

Wrong arena

In the photo caption for shock-rocker Marilyn Manson in Tuesday's Metro, the venue is listed as the Oshawa Centre. In fact, the concert was at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa. Metro regrets the error. **METRO**

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Incoming Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne and Alberta Premier Alison Redford are both facing fiscal challenges this year. The two met on Wednesday at Queen's Park as Redford swung into town to deliver a speech at the Canadian Club of Toronto. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wynne, Redford seek common ground

Queen's Park confab.
Alberta and Ontario leaders compare notes on doctors' pay, economic growth, fiscal challenges

Alberta Premier Alison Redford made a stop at Queen's Park on Wednesday to sit down with premier-designate Kathleen Wynne, outgoing premier Dalton McGuinty and Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.

Wynne and Redford settled in a room in the legislative library to talk, giving each other a high-five for the cameras. But the high-five greeting didn't go as well with Hudak, who needed two tries to get it right.

Redford said she spoke to Wynne about economic growth and the challenges facing both provinces, as well as the importance of a national transportation strategy.

The meeting gave them a chance to discuss where they can find some common ground, she said.

"I think we're already starting to find those," Redford said after a speech to the Canadian Club of Toronto.

Redford says her government is "comparing notes" with Ontario on how to negotiate pay for doctors. She says Ontario and Alberta's ministers of health have been talking about discussions that took place during contract negotiations with doctors. In particular, Redford says they've been comparing notes about fee structures and salaries.

Redford says Alberta is facing challenging times and it's less likely it can compensate doctors the way it could when revenues were good.

Ontario, which is facing a $12-billion deficit, spent months negotiating with the province's doctors before reaching a deal.

In September, the doctors endorsed a new two-year deal that's expected to trim spending by $400 million.

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Liberals top polls again

A new poll shows the Liberals under Kathleen Wynne leading the other parties.

- In the first public-opinion survey since Wynne took over from Dalton McGuinty, Wynne is ahead of both Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.
- The Liberals lead with 24 per cent, as opposed to 23 per cent for the Tories, 20 per cent for the New Democrats and seven per cent for Mike Schreiner and the Green party. The remaining 26 per cent were either undecided, refused to respond or supported other parties.

Spence the butt of jokes at Tory benefit

Two members of Stephen Harper's Conservative caucus — an elected MP and a senator — publicly disparaged the Idle No More movement and Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence at a fundraising dinner for a provincial candidate on Tuesday.

Senator Patrick Brazeau referred to Spence's "so-called hunger strike" in addressing about 80 people at a Legion hall in the Ottawa suburb of Orleans, and mocked her physical shape. "I was sick two weeks ago," Brazeau said. "I had the flu and I lost five pounds.

"I look at Miss Spence, when she started her hunger strike, and now?" Brazeau added as a voice in the hall called out, "She's fatter," which drew laughter from much of the audience.

After Brazeau spoke about being turned away on Dec. 24 when he tried to visit Spence, Ottawa-Orleans MP Royal Galipeau told the crowd he, too, had gone to see the chief.

Galipeau said he was allowed into Spence's tent on Boxing Day because he wasn't recognized.

"I stood in the circle around Chief Spence," Galipeau said. "I noticed that manicure of hers. I tell you Anne can't afford it," he said, referring to his wife.

Attending the dinner for Ontario PC candidate Andrew Lister were provincial and federal conservatives, including Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod, Orleans Coun. Rainer Bloess and former Ontario PC cabinet minister Brian Coburn.

In an interview on Wednesday, Galipeau acknowledged his remarks, but explained they were based on what he observed that day. Describing himself as having a "social conscience" and caring about First Nations, he said he went to check the condition of Spence's health, not to meet with her, after his grown children had asked what, as a sitting MP, he was going to do.

Galipeau said he identified himself as an MP, but not a Conservative, upon entering Spence's tent. Galipeau was told Spence was seeing a nurse practitioner every two or three days and was OK. He said he went back two days later on Jan. 28, brought a few sandwiches for volunteers and never went back.

He said he wrote a one-page report that he sent to the prime minister's office, but he made no public mention of his visit because he didn't want to draw attention to himself.

Spence could not be reached for comment.

Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar remembered running into Galipeau on Jan. 26 as he left Spence's tent. He said Brazeau's and Galipeau's comments were "really unbecoming of a member of Parliament or a senator."

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Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, pictured last Thursday after she ended her hunger strike, was the object of mockery at a Conservative fundraising dinner on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Second NHL franchise for GTA a long shot, observers say

Markham still has a lot of skating ahead before the city reaches its goal of building a $325-million arena, but pursuit of the end game — an NHL franchise — could be far more daunting.

City council narrowly kept the idea alive of a public-private partnership for the project early on Wednesday and is preparing for a series of tough negotiations to wrap up the details. That will likely take several months, with no guarantee the project will proceed, insiders caution.

But the other big question remains for millions of hockey-hungry fans in the GTA and surrounding region: If Markham does build a 20,000-seat arena, will it lead to a National Hockey League franchise, and how long would they have to wait?

"It's not a pipe dream, but it is a long shot," said Neil deMause, an expert on the business of public arenas and sports franchises. "If I had to lay a bet, it would be against this happening in the Toronto area for another five to 10 years."

Proponents of a franchise argue the GTA is the world's biggest hockey market and has only one club, the wealthy Maple Leafs. Sports executives say a second team would quickly turn into a success.

Furthermore, four or more NHL teams are on thin financial ice, and some owners would want to either sell or move. The NHL, however, has been reluctant to move franchises over the years.

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Alabama gunman kills bus driver, seizes 6-year-old boy, police say

Hostage standoff.
Man took boy to underground hideout

Law enforcement personnel set up a checkpoint Wednesday in Midland City, Ala., near the home where a school-bus shooting suspect was barricaded in a bunker with a child hostage. The incident is yet another in a string of U.S. gun violence that has sparked a national debate. JAY HARE, THE DOTHAN EAGLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online

For the latest updates on the Alabama standoff, visit metronews.ca

A gunman holed up in a bunker with a 6-year-old hostage kept law officers at bay Wednesday in an all-night, all-day standoff that began when he killed a school bus driver and dragged the boy away, authorities said.

SWAT teams took up positions around the gunman's rural property and police negotiators tried to win the kindergartner's safe release.

Sheriff Wally Olson said in a brief statement Wednesday evening that negotiators continued talking to the suspect and "at this time we have no reason to believe that the child has been harmed."

The gunman, identified by neighbours as Jimmy Lee Dykes, a 65-year-old retired truck driver, was known around the neighbourhood as a menacing figure who once beat a dog to death with a lead pipe, threatened to shoot children for setting foot on his property and patrolled his yard at night with a flashlight and a shotgun.

He had been scheduled to appear in court Wednesday morning to answer charges he shot at his neighbours in a dispute last month over a speed bump.

The standoff along a red dirt road began on Tuesday afternoon, after a gunman boarded a stopped school bus filled with children in the town of Midland City, population 2,300. The sheriff said the man shot the bus driver when he refused to hand over a 6-year-old child. The gunman then took the boy away.

"As far as we know there is no relation at all. He just wanted a child for a hostage situation," said Michael Senn, a pastor who helped comfort the traumatized children after the attack.

About 50 vehicles from federal, state and local agencies were clustered at the end of a dirt road near where Dykes lived in a small travel trailer. Nearby homes were evacuated after authorities found what was believed to be a bomb on his property.

State Rep. Steve Clouse, who met with authorities and visited the boy's family, said the bunker had food and electricity, and the youngster was watching TV. He said law enforcement authorities were communicating with the gunman, but he had no details on how. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doctor could lose license over alleged insemination mix-up

An Ottawa fertility doctor faces a disciplinary hearing Thursday over allegations he artificially inseminated three women with the wrong sperm.

Dr. Bernard Norman Barwin, a celebrated gynecologist, could lose his licence if the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario discipline panel finds he committed misconduct. He agreed last year to stop the practice of insemination after the college filed its notice of hearing.

The medical college alleges that three of Barwin's patients discovered their children aren't biologically related to their husband or, in one case, the patient's chosen donor.

Two women with the same allegations sued Barwin a few years ago. The lawsuits were resolved last year, but neither the women's lawyer nor Barwin's lawyer could discuss the terms.

Barwin was invested in the Order of Canada in 1997 for his "profound impact on both the biological and psycho-social aspects of women's reproductive health."

He founded the non-profit, pro-choice organization Canadians for Choice, which gives away an annual Dr. Norman Barwin Scholarship to a graduate student studying sexual health and reproductive rights.

If the College of Physicians and Surgeons' disciplinary panel finds Barwin committed professional misconduct or is incompetent, it can revoke his licence, suspend it, impose certain conditions or restrictions, reprimand him, order him to pay a fine or a combination of those sanctions.
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Déjà vu

Barwin and his Broadview Fertility Clinic were sued just a few years ago. Trudy Moore and her husband approached Moore's sister in 2006 to act as a surrogate for the couple, according to the family's statement of claim. Days after the baby was born it was revealed that neither the husband or the sister had the same blood type as the newborn.

Residential schools

Judge tells feds to hand over records

The federal government is obliged to turn over its archival records on Indian residential schools to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, an Ontario court decided Wednesday.

In his decision, Justice Stephen Goudge said the obligation to provide the materials is clear from the settlement agreement that established the commission.

"The plain meaning of the language is straightforward," Goudge said. "It is to provide all relevant documents to the TRC."
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Phoenix shooting

Alleged killer still on the loose

A gunman opened fire at an office complex in Arizona's largest city Wednesday, killing the CEO of a company, wounding two other people and setting off a manhunt. Police warned the public that the suspect was "armed and dangerous."

Authorities identified the suspect as Arthur D. Harmon, who they said opened fire at the end of a mediation session. Authorities believe Harmon acted alone and fled the scene in a car after the 10:30 a.m. shooting, said a Phoenix police spokesman.
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Government employee fired after creating satirical video game

First-person parody.
Digital depiction of drab job garners unemployed game developer an online following

One day David S. Gallant was a Canada Revenue Agency employee, or, in his own Twitterverse words, "just a call centre shlub."

The next, he's the hero of the indie gaming world, after being fired Tuesday by everyone's least favourite federal government department.

Gallant got the boot after Torstar News Service published a story about his game Get This Call Every Day, which was released in December 2012.

When news of his firing flashed through the Twittersphere, Gallant got hundreds of new followers, including many game enthusiasts, and sales of his game went "through the roof." One indignant tweeter groused that he was "furious. You are a goddam inspiration and deserve better man."

Another tweeted that he voluntarily paid $50 for the game. It costs a minimum $2 online, although Gallant advised that people could pay more to "help the developer escape the job that inspired this game."

In that now former job, Gallant took calls from taxpayers who had queries or sometimes requests, like changing an address. The latter is at the crux of his online interactive game in which an annoying, dense caller has exchanges with a government-style call centre employee. The gamer can pick the responses of the employee, but most scenarios end up with him being fired. Like what happened in real life.

Nonetheless, the ongoing Twitter tidal wave of overwhelmingly supportive tweets seems to have buoyed the now-jobless Gallant, who tweeted Wednesday "I have an incredible opportunity now, and I have received a massive outpouring of support. I am so thankful."

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David S. Gallant has been fired from his part-time job at Revenue Canada after creating an online customer service game mocking his job. HANDOUT

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Rescuers search for missing workers in a quarry at L'Epiphanie, Que., Tuesday following a landslide where a number of vehicles fell into the quarry.
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Landslide survivor shares story

The survivor of a landslide has shared the harrowing story of his escape.

Benoit Robert told reporters Wednesday how he survived the previous day's incident in a Quebec gravel quarry, while two of his colleagues were still missing.

He choked up as he described the events, expressing his sadness over the ordeal his missing colleagues' families are facing.

"It's hard, what I went through. But I'm still here," Robert said. "I don't know if they are."

He said that when the ground began to rumble beneath him, in L'Epiphanie, Que., at first he thought he was having vision problems.

He was operating a hydraulic shovel. He said a female colleague in another vehicle, a truck, shouted, "We're sliding. We're going to die!"

That woman is now missing.

Robert said he knew he would perish if he jumped from his vehicle; so, instead, he operated the big mechanical shovel, swinging it back and forth while trying to keep stable.

Happy to be alive

"I'm lucky. Others weren't as lucky as me."
Landslide survivor Benoit Robert

That's when he began to slide — about seven metres at first, then 50 more, he said.

"There was like a little avalanche in front of me — I knew that if I jumped out I'd die immediately," said Robert, 47.

After sliding the second time, he swung the shovel again and lodged it against the wall of earth. Once he felt the ground stabilize, he said he hopped out of the vehicle.

A team of about 60 people has been working to find the missing pair. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ireland. DNA testing labs net plenty of clients after horsemeat found in beef

Ireland's surprise discovery this month of horsemeat traces in factory-produced burgers is boosting business for one trade: forensics labs that tell you what's on your plate.

Horsemeat, which costs a fraction of beef, might not be bad for you, but it is bad for sales of products labelled as beef.

Until now, supermarkets and food processors have not used DNA testing to determine whether food marked as chicken, pork, beef or fish contain bits of other animals. Experts say that's because such findings don't affect food safety, only the integrity of labelling.

But a growing list of food processors and retailers say they will introduce such testing after the Food Safety Authority of Ireland used DNA testing to show that processed meat products often contain traces, sometimes mere molecules, of other animals slaughtered in the same facilities or carried in the same vehicles. Food policy experts say meat labels may eventually be changed to reflect the kind of warnings already familiar for people allergic to nuts: this product may contain traces of other animals.

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Two beef burgers — or wait, maybe not? NIALL CARSON, PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An unquestioned authority on gun violence

Former Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot in the head in a mass shooting that killed six people in Tucson, Ariz., two years ago, sits with husband Mark Kelly as she gives an opening statement before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on gun violence in Washington on Wednesday. Supporters and opponents of stricter gun control measures are facing off on what lawmakers should do to curb gun violence in the wake of last month's rampage in Newtown, Conn., that killed 20 schoolchildren. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian data

Protein map may help fight viruses

Scientists have made an important discovery that could help battle viral infections.

Using data collected at the University of Saskatchewan's Canadian Light Source synchrotron, researchers from McGill University and the Austrian Research Centre for Molecular Medicine have discovered the blueprint behind the IFIT protein, which can stop a virus from spreading by inhibiting its replication of a person's genetic code.

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Took on Taliban

Malala heads for final skull surgery

A Pakistani girl who defied the Taliban is set for a final surgery to reconstruct her skull, doctors said Wednesday.

Malala Yousafzai, 15, needs to replace the bone shattered when a gunman, angered at her promotion of girls' education, sent a bullet through her head. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ballerina afraid to go back to Russia

Bolshoi ballerina Svetlana Lunkina COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prima fear. Threats to leading lady follow acid attack on Bolshoi artistic director

A leading ballerina with the Bolshoi Ballet says she wants to stay in Canada after receiving threats — a move that follows an acid attack on the dance troupe's ballet chief and highlights tensions at the theatre.

Svetlana Lunkina, 33, has told the Russian daily Izvestia that she asked the Bolshoi to extend her leave as she fears returning to Russia. Lunkina's statement came two weeks after the attack on Bolshoi artistic director Sergei Filin, who was badly burned when an unidentified masked assailant threw sulphuric acid in his face.

Bolshoi spokeswoman Katerina Novikova confirmed Wednesday that the theatre had accepted Lunkina's request to extend her leave, but made no further comment.

The ballerina said she was scared to hear about the attack on Filin, who has undergone several surgeries to save his eyesight and treat severe burns on his face.

"I feel a strong compassion for his family," Lunkina said. "I hope they will find those who committed that crime."

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Dirty dancing

- Lunkina said the threats were linked to a conflict between her husband and a business partner over a movie about Mathilde Kschessinskaya, a ballerina famous for both her talent as a dancer and for her liaison with Russia's last czar, Nicholas II.

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Sex and disability. Bosnian basketball players want prostitution legalized

Members of a Bosnia wheelchair basketball club are launching a campaign to legalize prostitution in the country to help disabled people "achieve their right to love."

Marinko Umicevic, president of the club Vrbas, said Wednesday that Bosnia had to catch up with 21st-century Europe, where he said some people with disabilities "even get state subsidies to pay for sex."

Umicevic said some of his players have never had sex and legalizing the sex trade would help people like them achieve their basic rights. Club members were organizing a petition on the proposal in Banja Luka.

Along the same theme, Helen Hunt received an Oscar nomination this year for best supporting actress for her portrayal of a sex worker helping a disabled man in the movie The Sessions.

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Pussy Riot music videos banned for 'extremism'

Pussy Riot member Yekaterina Samutsevich speaks to press after a court hearing in Moscow on Wednesday. Samutsevich's efforts to repeal a decision banning the group's videos in Russia was rejected by the court. Footage of feminist rockers irreverent protest against President Vladimir Putin in Moscow's main cathedral last year must be removed from the country's Internet. The videos were banned under Russia's vaguely defined "extremism" law, which is supposed to restrict neo-Nazi and terrorist groups but has been used to restrict scientologists and the TV cartoon South Park.

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Nightclub owner blames 'whole country' for fire

Santa Maria, Brazil. Police note violations by both the club and fire-safety inspectors

The owner of a nightclub in southern Brazil where more than 230 people died in a fire last weekend deflected blame to "the whole country," as well as to architects and inspectors charged with making sure the building was safe, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Attorney Jader Marques said his client, Elissandro Spohr, "regretted having ever been born" but still blamed Sunday's tragedy on "a succession of errors" made by his countrymen.

Police have said the blaze likely started when a band performing at the Kiss nightclub in Santa Maria lit a flare, which ignited flammable soundproofing on the ceiling. That error was compounded by the near-total lack of emergency infrastructure such as fire alarms or sprinkler systems, police have said. The club also had only one working door and a faulty fire extinguisher.

A woman weeps during the funeral for Gustavo Goncalves, the most recent victim of the Kiss nightclub fire. His death has raised the number of dead to 235, with 143 people still in hospital. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Documents obtained by The Associated Press showed that the single exit, the foam insulation and other contributors to the tragedy didn't violate laws.

Police are detaining Spohr for five days, along with the club's other co-owner and two musicians playing at the venue.

Spohr is recovering from a respiratory infection. Lilian Caus, one of the officers watching over Spohr, said he had made a suicidal gesture.

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Zimbabwe. Finance chief says troubled nation has only $217 left in coffers

Zimbabwe's finance ministry said it has just $217 left in its accounts after paying the nation's civil servants and government employees earlier this month.

Finance Minister Tendai Biti said the monthly salaries cleared out government earnings and tax revenues in January. He made an appeal Tuesday for foreign donors to help raise some $200 million for a constitutional referendum and elections later this year.

But financial experts said Wednesday that Biti, known for his exaggerated rhetoric in the troubled economy, failed to mention quick returns from income tax, social security payments and increased taxable spending in shops and stores.

Those daily revenues immediately replenish the country's battered coffers, experts say. Nationwide highway toll gates also separately bring in thousands of dollars a day.

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Business as usual

"I don't think it's anything new. It has been like this before."

Harare economist John Robertson, noting that governments routinely pay out more than they receive, relying on borrowing — but Zimbabwe has little access to that.

Syrian crisis

Canada announces $25 million in aid

Canada announced Wednesday an additional $25-million donation to help people displaced by the Syrian crisis, bringing the country's total contribution to $48 million.

The money will help provide food, shelter, medical care and safety for some of the estimated 700,000 refugees who have fled to neighbouring countries.

International Co-operation Minister Julian Fantino made the announcement at an international donors' conference in Kuwait. The UN exceeded its $1.5-billion goal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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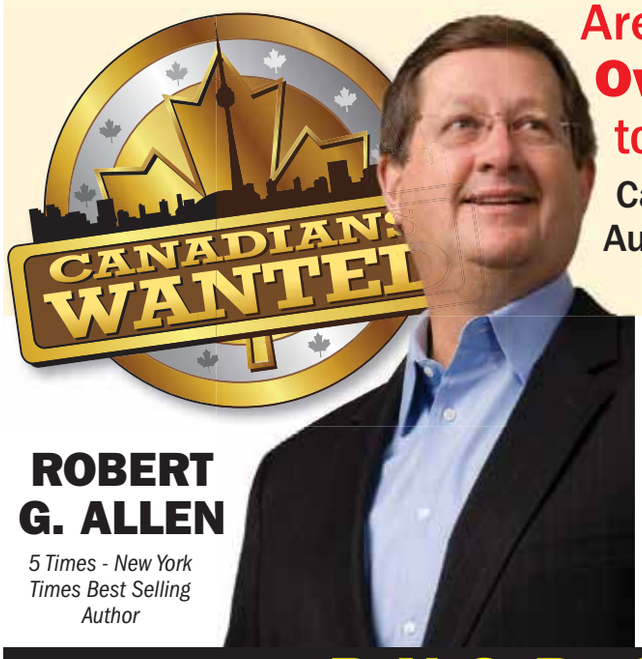

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BRINGING IN THE BIG

Army targets safety

Canada's armed forces are waging war on avalanches.

There's no messing around where one of the world's avalanche hotspots intersects with a transportation corridor connecting British Columbia to the rest of the country.

As the Trans-Canada Highway and Canadian Pacific Railway work their way through the Selkirk Mountains, they enter a hazardous 40-kilometre stretch at Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park in B.C. The scenic route features no less than 138 known avalanche paths above the highway.

To keep the public safe, Parks Canada — along with the Department of National Defence — has stood at the ready since 1962, working 24-7 with a variety of avalanche-control tools.

And, when needed, they bring out the big gun: a 105-mm howitzer cannon that launches pre-emptive artillery strikes that trigger slides well before they've built up to a point that threatens the highway (which sees approximately 4,000 vehicles daily).

Department of National Defence forces cover their ears while sending blasts to safely trigger an avalanche. PARKS CANADA

"We operate the world's largest mobile avalanche control program. The howitzer can be deployed any time, day or night. Even in the middle of a snow storm," explains Jeff Goodrich, senior avalanche forecaster at Parks Canada.

In order to keep the public safe during the blasts, traffic along the highway is closed in both directions and backcountry users with winter permits in Glacier National Park are notified to stay out of winter-restricted areas that are closed.

The operation is a sight to behold — not to mention hear — and extremely effective.

"If you look at our 51 years running the program, we've had no fatalities (involving the travelling public)," says Goodrich. "It's a highly diligent program."

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Howitzer facts

The gun is used an average of 20 times each winter and can strike at 270 targets from 17 gun positions.

Initiation into the wild

Staying safe in Mother Nature's wicked winter wonderland is an art and science.

Knowing how to use survival gear, being able to identify and traverse terrain and learning about snow science are all crucial for avoiding disaster.

That's where Avalanche Skills Training (AST) courses come in.

"The statistics for surviving avalanches are very grim, so it's definitely a safety move," says John Grant, an AST instructor with Vancouver's Canada West Mountain School.

John Bardsley, left, and Steve Roberts at an Avalanche Skills Training course. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Weekend courses at the school take students through a full day of classroom study before putting their newfound knowledge to the test in the backcountry.

The Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC) — which sets the criteria for public AST courses — says about 7,000 people took a course last year.

"To go into the mountains in the winter, you just need to have the gear," says CAC forecast co-ordinator Ilya Storm.

"Having a beacon, probe, shovel is just like having a seatbelt or an airbag in your car."

Grant says more people are taking the course as a "door-opener" to the backcountry.

It was an easy choice for Steve Roberts and his girlfriend.

"We've been resort skiers for a long time now and we're looking to go into the backcountry," Roberts says after a stressful avalanche rescue simulation. "You can read ... but until you start doing it yourself, you have no idea.

"When it comes to decision making ... things can get complicated and you can get excited, so it's really important to have that base knowledge."

The course is just an introduction to the backcountry. Practice with gear and real-world experience are also vital.

"This is just the start," says Karin Hung after a field day with her AST1 class. "There are so many high-profile stories about people making the wrong decisions, I think it's important to get informed."

A full list of CAC-certified courses can be found at avalanche.ca.

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When it comes to protecting the Trans-Canada Highway and the Canadian Pacific Railway from avalanches in Rogers Pass, Parks Canada

GUNS

and the Department of National Defence bring out a 105-mm Howitzer. PARKS CANADA

Ilya Storm, forecast co-ordinator at the Canadian Avalanche Centre, and his team are responsible for generating public avalanche bulletins from their headquarters in Revelstoke, B.C. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Forecasting risk

The watchers.
Avalanche analysts play critical role in preventing tragedy

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Hidden away in a nondescript building in the heart of Revelstoke's quaint snow globe-esque downtown is the nation's avalanche nerve centre.

Upstairs in a second-floor office, terrain maps litter the central room.

Known avalanches are plotted on a map of British Columbia regions on a wall.

Three forecasters, eying up two computer screens each, compile weather and snowpack information, frantically put together public avalanche forecasts and send out localized bulletins — all while handling a rush of media interviews.

Welcome to the Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC).

"It gets busy on days like these," said Ilya Storm, the CAC's forecast co-ordinator, in an interview earlier this month after snowstorms hammered the mountainous regions in southeast British Columbia.

The avalanche danger has been "extreme" during the storms.

But the coming weekend calls for blue skies, which means skiers, sledders and snowshoers will be heading to the backcountry en masse to take advantage of the fresh snow as the danger level is downgraded in most regions to "considerable."

Blue skies spell trouble

"This weekend we'll have fewer avalanches, but we'll have blue skies, good riding conditions (meaning) more people will be out there."

Ilya Storm, forecast co-ordinator for the Canadian Avalanche Centre, who says human-triggered avalanches are most common during good weather.

It can be a recipe for disaster.

"That's where we run into problems," said Storm. "When the risk is extreme, it's an easy decision to make … you stay home. This weekend, we'll have fewer avalanches but we'll have blue skies, good riding conditions so more people will be out there. And when you see other people riding hard, it's tempting to go out and push it a bit more."

In terms of human-triggered fatal avalanches, weekends like that are the most dangerous, so Storm and his team are getting the message out through bulletins and the media.

"Half of our job is the forecasting, the technical analysis and the science of it," says Storm. "The other half is effective communications and how we talk to people. Decision-making, drive and motivation are big factors and we bring that into play in our forecasts."

The CAC was established in 2004 in the aftermath of a deadly, record-setting winter that killed 29 people the year before.

Analysts glean information coming in from virtually every private and public operator in Western Canada — shared by professionals through the Canadian Avalanche Association's Information Exchange (InfoEX) system — to create its public forecasts.

Each day, the team — which includes forecasters in satellite offices — creates daily forecasts for 12 regions.

Once a week, they'll create a long-term forecast.

They're customized documents that provide essential information on conditions and avalanche terrain for anyone venturing into the backcountry.

In the 2011-2012 season, the CAC received 1,413,230 bulletin requests.

Storm sees the bulletins as a critical public service.

"The outdoors is part of what we sell to people," he said. "As a society, (forecasts and avalanche education are) something we should support. It can serve people well."

The members of the Canadian Avalanche Centre know this better than most.

It's what keeps them going through those busy days.

"We are all avid recreationists, we love getting out into the mountains. I think most people here have some kind of a sad story," said Storm. "That's why it feels like good work. We're all trying to prevent the next tragedy because we've all been touched by avalanches."

The North American avalanche danger scale, developed by Parks Canada, is now used throughout the world. CONTRIBUTED

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STAYING ALIVE

Tomorrow: Moving On
Justin Trudeau on the loss of his brother Michel in a 1998 avalanche.

Surprise attack

Monkeys terrorize Indonesian village

A troop of wild monkeys has gone on a rampage in a village in eastern Indonesia, entering houses and attacking residents. Seven people were injured, including one who is in critical condition.

Ambo Ella, a spokesman for Sidendeng Rappang District in South Sulawesi province, says the surprise attack by about 10 monkeys happened in Toddang Pulu village.

He said Wednesday that a 16-year-old boy was badly bitten in the attack Monday and is being treated at the hospital

He believes the troop came from a nearby forest protected by a local tribe.

It's unclear why the monkeys, which are usually afraid of humans and flee when they hear human voices, emerged and attacked.

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Canadian Wheat Board

Cowgirl ad ropes in controversy

The women's president of the National Farmers Union is questioning what an image of a long-legged woman straddling a fence has to do with selling grain.

The picture is part of a new advertisement from the Canadian Wheat Board that is kicking up a ruckus on the Prairies. The ad features a 1969 print called Hi-Ho, Silver, which shows a young woman in a cowboy hat and skirt straddling a fence. The caption says: "Still on the fence?" and encourages farmers to choose the wheat board for marketing grain. Producers can choose how to market their grain because legislation has ended the board's marketing monopoly.

Joan Brady, who heads the women's branch of the union, says the ad is offensive and is likely to cause farmers to steer clear of the board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Washington state hiring expert in growing pot

Recreational use. Washington, Colorado working to develop rules for emerging marijuana industry

Washington state is hiring a consultant to develop rules for its legal-marijuana industry. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wanted: A green thumb with extensive knowledge of the black, or at least grey, market. As Washington state tries to figure out how to regulate its newly legal marijuana, officials are hiring an adviser on all things weed: How it's best grown, dried, tested, labeled, packaged and cooked into brownies.

Last fall, Washington and Colorado became the first states to pass laws legalizing the recreational use of marijuana and setting up systems of state-licensed growers, processors and retail stores where adults over 21 can buy heavily taxed cannabis.

Washington's Liquor Control Board has advertised for consulting services in four categories. The first is "product and industry knowledge" and requires "at least three years of consulting experience relating to the … cannabis industry." Other categories cover quality testing, including how to test for levels of THC, the compound that gets marijuana users high; statistical analysis of how much marijuana the state's licensed growers should produce; and the development of regulations, with a law degree preferred.

In case no regulatory lawyers who grow pot in their spare time apply, multiple contracts could be awarded.

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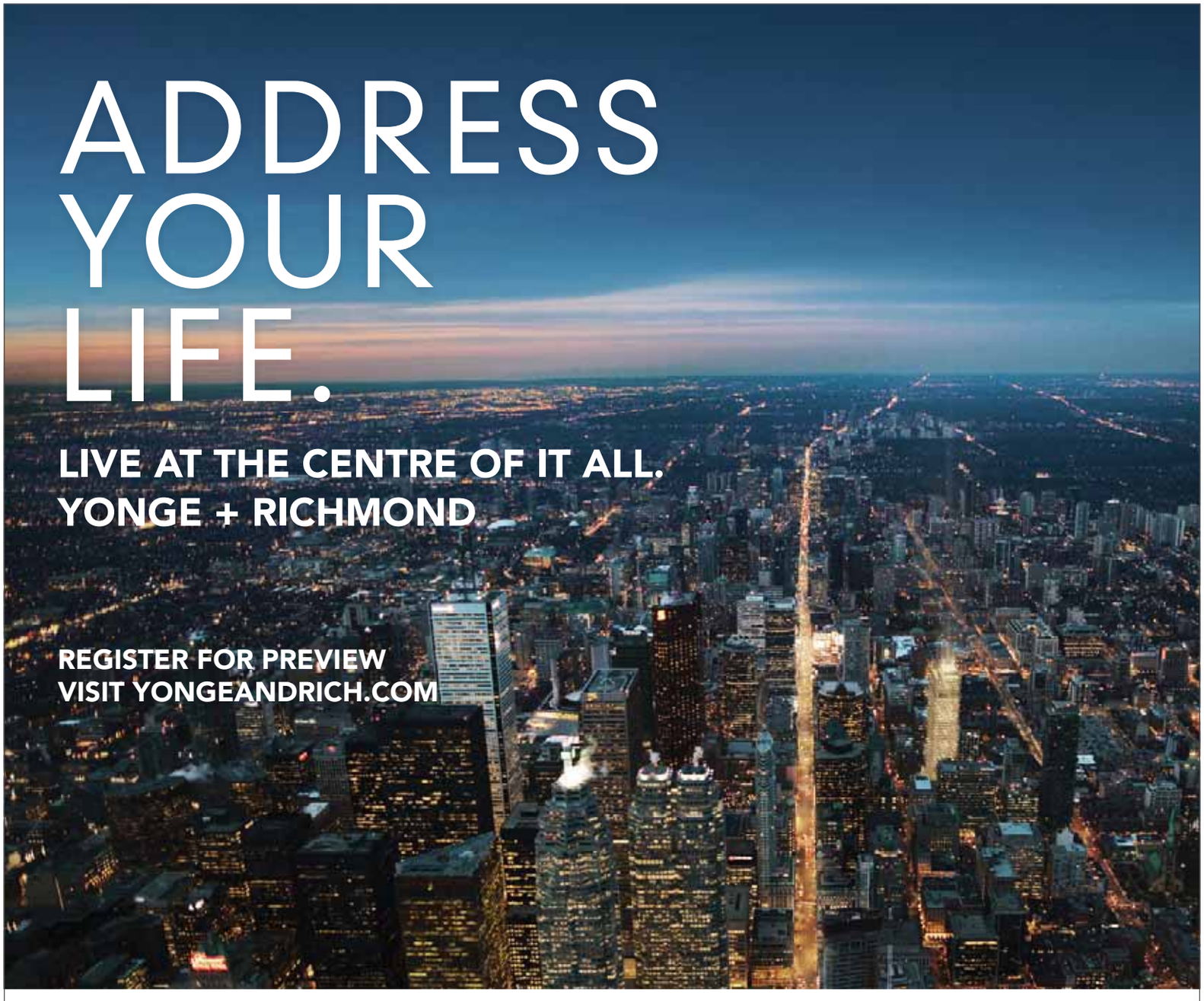
Royal couple take the Tube

Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, travel on a London Underground train as they mark 150 years of the world's first subway system in London, Wednesday. The royal couple travelled one stop, from Farringdon to King's Cross on the Metropolitan Line — the oldest section, which opened in 1863. Charles last travelled by subway in 1986, when he and the late Diana, Princess of Wales, took the Tube to Heathrow to open a new terminal. CHRIS JACKSON, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Trial hears radio calls from doomed B.C. ferry

Queen of the North. Transmissions detail how ship ran aground and passengers were herded into lifeboats

The criminal negligence trial into a fatal passenger ferry sinking off British Columbia has heard dramatic radio calls as the Queen of the North ran aground and the crew mustered an evacuation.

Crown prosecutors at the trial of Karl Lilgert — who was filling in as fourth officer during the fatal voyage — played radio transmissions along the ferry's journey from Prince Rupert, with everything appearing normal for the first several hours.

Shortly after midnight on March 22, 2006, an unidentified voice reports to a marine operator that the vessel is approaching a location known as Sainty Point, where the ferry was supposed to have made a critical course correction.

Two fatalities

- There were 101 passengers and crew on the ferry, but passengers Gerald Foisy and Shirley Rosette were soon discovered to be missing and eventually presumed drowned.

About 20 minutes later, someone from the ship reports running aground and, several minutes after that, the ship is listing, taking on water and its crew are herding passengers into lifeboats and life-rafts.

The broadcasts also capture the initial communications with Hartley Bay, a nearby First Nation community, whose residents jumped into boats in the middle of the night and raced to the scene.

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Queen of the North, the B.C. Ferries ship that ran aground in March 2006, appears in this file photo. TSB/METRO FILE

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Espionage case. World's eyes glued on Halifax for navy officer's sentencing

Intelligence and justice officials around the world will be watching Thursday as a navy officer convicted of selling military secrets to Russia becomes the first person to be sentenced under Canada's Security of Information Act.

Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle will appear in Nova Scotia provincial court for a two-day hearing after pleading guilty in October to breach of trust and passing information to a foreign entity that could harm Canada's interests.

The landmark case has captivated legal experts, international allies and intelligence agencies eager to see how the Canadian judicial system handles the treason of one of its own. The challenge for lawyers and Judge Patrick Curran is how to come up with an appropriate sentence without having case law to consult under the untested act.

"It's going to be a very difficult exercise because there just isn't really a range that's been set out under this legislation," Mike Taylor, Delisle's lawyer, said in an interview Wednesday. "Although there will be comparisons to the (Official) Secrets Act ... things are different and things have changed and the facts are different in those cases. We're comparing cases that don't necessarily lie on all fours. They're just not the same thing."

Taylor said he has been searching case law in the U.S., the U.K. and Canada but found little that matches the unique circumstances of the agent who walked into the Russian Embassy in Ottawa in 2007 to offer his services after his personal life began to unravel.

No precedent

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Mike Taylor, Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Delisle's lawyer

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Oshawa

Man to fight $5,400 bill for ice-fishing rescue

An Oshawa man plans to fight the $5,400 bill he got from a fire department for rescuing him after he went through the ice.

Neil Robbescheuten, 62, was ice fishing on Lake Scugog earlier this month when a dense fog rolled in and he became disoriented. He says he went through the ice in a marshy area and was able to pull himself out onto a tree stump while he called 911. Scugog Fire Chief Richard Miller says the temperature was warm and rainy that weekend and local conservation authorities had issued warnings urging people to stay away from bodies of water.

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Calgary

Psychiatrist who molested patients should get up to 8 years, Crown says

A Calgary psychiatrist convicted of sex assaulting his court-appointed patients was depicted Wednesday as both a frail senior who would suffer in prison and a predatory offender who must be punished.

Dr. Aubrey Levin's defence lawyer said his 74-year-old client would be at high risk in jail because he is frail and in ill health, and asked for a sentence of between 60 and 90 days on weekends. Prosecutor Dallas Sopko called for six to eight years behind bars.

Levin was found guilty on Monday of sexually assaulting three male patients. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The media awaits the introduction of the BlackBerry 10, Wednesday, in New York. The new phone is the fruit of a crucial, long-overdue makeover for the Canadian company. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BlackBerry launched a new operating system, two new phones, a rebranding and a comeback attempt on Wednesday.

The Waterloo-based company BlackBerry — which until Wednesday's rebranding was known as Research In Motion — held simultaneous events in New York, Toronto, London, Paris, Dubai, Johannesburg, Jakarta and Delhi.

Thorsten Heins, president and CEO of the company since co-founders Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis resigned a year ago, appeared live on stage at Pier 36 in New York and on video at the global launch events.

The launch was initially scheduled for a year ago.

"We have transformed ourselves inside and out," said Heins. That transformation was "heartfelt" and required the company to be brutally honest, he said.

BlackBerry is releasing two phones that use the new BlackBerry 10 operating system. The Z10 is a touchscreen phone that uses a virtual keyboard with a unique form of predictive text, allowing users to "flick" entire words from the keyboard into their messages and documents.

The Q10 has a physical keyboard, but will not be available until April.

"We heard you loud and clear," said Heins. "We built this for those people who said they just had to have the physical keyboard typing experience."

The BlackBerry 10 operating system includes a hub for all communications, including schedule notifications, Twitter and Facebook messages, BBM pins and text messages.

The OS includes BlackBerry Balance, which allows separate functions and controls for people who want to separate their phone's functions for their work lives from their personals lives.

The Z10 has 16 GB of storage, a 4.2-inch touch display, a battery with up to ten hours of talk time and 4G capability. It also has a front camera and an 8-megapixel rear camera, built-in photo editing and filters. Its most-hyped photo feature is "time shift," which allows users to scroll through different versions of the same photo to select, for example, a moment before a subject blinked.

BlackBerry's new app store is BlackBerry World, where 70,000 apps are available and users can pay to download music, movies and TV shows.

Release dates

- **Z10.** The all-touch screen BlackBerry Z10 will be released in Canada on Tuesday, costing $149 with a three-year plan
- **Q10.** The Q10, which has a physical keyboard, is scheduled to be released in April

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New BlackBerry gets 4 of 5 stars

Review. Metro takes a look at what's great — and not so great — about the much-anticipated Z10

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The BlackBerry Z10 is attractive, easy to use and easy to type quickly with. The predictive text system works well and being able to "flick" words from the virtual keyboard onto the screen is a bonus.

The OS is run by swiping across the screen in different directions, which, once learned, makes navigating around the phone easy.

Browsing isn't anything like it was on old BlackBerry. Web pages load properly and streaming video works.

The BlackBerry Hub, where you can easily access notifications, emails, texts, PINs, and social media messages without actually leaving the app you were using, works very well and will be very familiar to BlackBerry users.

The major drawback is the apps. At the launch in Toronto, a BlackBerry official told reporters to look for announcements in coming days, but could give no guarantees that major apps, including Instagram, Netflix and Google Maps, would ever be available. Other apps, such as the RBC banking app, are expected but are not yet in BlackBerry World. As for the other major Canadian banks, none have guaranteed apps yet.

Apps for Skype, Kindle, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Foursquare, Dropbox, SoundHound, The Weather Channel, Evernote, and Rdio are available, and the major game-makers are in the process of bringing over their apps as well.

The Z10 competes with the iPhone and Android phones like Samsung's Galaxy SIII on everything but apps, and fortunately for BlackBerry, the app situation can change.

However, after waiting an extra year for the release of the new OS and the new phones, the lack of some major apps is bound to disappoint some consumers. It's bad news for the company if consumers choose to hold out longer to see if their favourite apps arrive.

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New phones, new the firm formerly

Rebranding. Corporate name change indicates an attempt to distance company from its past

Stock symbol

BB

As of Feb. 4, the company will trade under BB on the TSX, and BBRY on the Nasdaq.

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RIM is dead, long live BlackBerry. The famed Canadian smartphone company Research In Motion announced it is rebranding itself BlackBerry, after its iconic smartphones.

"From this point forward, RIM becomes BlackBerry," said president and CEO Thorsten Heins live on stage at Pier 36 in New York Wednesday, and on live video played at BlackBerry 10 launch events around the world. "Our customers use BlackBerry, our employees work for BlackBerry and our shareholders invest in BlackBerry," Heins said.

Its corporate website will also be migrated over to blackberry.com. And the company is about to get new stock symbols as well.

Currently, it trades under RIM on the TSX, but beginning Feb. 4 it will trade under BB. On the Nasdaq, it will switch from RIMM to BBRY.

BlackBerry's rebranding will continue with the launch of a SuperBowl ad.

Brand expert Edgar Baum called the name change "brilliant" because it comes at a time when the company desperately needs to reinvent itself, and separate from its past. "What this does is give the company a chance to redefine itself," said Baum, the managing director of Brand Finance Canada.

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Thorsten Heins, CEO of the company now called global creative director Wednesday during the

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Three things to love about the BlackBerry Z10

It's not an iPhone killer and doesn't absolutely demolish the best Android or Microsoft smartphones on the market. But the new BlackBerry Z10 is a huge step forward for the beleaguered company that makes it. Here are three things that will impress BlackBerry aficionados and may sway smartphone consumers without entrenched allegiances to Apple or Android.

1 Look and feel

While not overwhelmingly distinct looking, the BlackBerry Z10 looks the part of a modern, svelte smartphone, and once turned on, it responds well to touches and swipes. The screen is razor sharp and every movement feels fluid and fast, from cycling between the home screens to loading apps to browsing the web. The unique BlackBerry 10 gestures take some getting used to but once mastered, are quick and handy ways to multi-task between several apps and jump from doing one thing to another.

2 BlackBerry Hub

For users who have a work email account, one or two personal accounts and a slew of social media profiles — including Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn — BlackBerry Hub is a handy way to keep track of them all. All messages and notifications from the various accounts get merged into one universal inbox with no need to separately log in to a bunch of different sites. You can quickly sneak a peek at the Hub's contents by swiping from the left edge of the screen to the right. A small swipe begins to reveal just a bit of the Hub while a full swipe opens the inbox.

3 Finally, a decent selection of apps

While still lagging far behind what's available on iPhones and Android devices, BlackBerry World promises to have a selection of more than 70,000 apps to download at launch, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Skype, Kindle, WhatsApp, Angry Birds, Songza, Slacker, Rdio, NHL.com, CBC, Tim Hortons, Air Canada, RBC and ING Direct. For users who aren't constantly checking the app store for new games and programs to download and just need the basics, it's likely BlackBerry World will have them covered. But there are glaring omissions such as Netflix and Google Maps.

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era, new star for known as RIM

BlackBerry, introduces Alicia Keys as the firm's BlackBerry 10 launch in New York City.

Meet the new creative director

Keys to success?

R&B singer Alicia Keys has a new job — global creative director at BlackBerry. Keys joined BlackBerry president and CEO Thorsten Heins on stage at the BlackBerry 10 launch in New York Wednesday to announce her new gig and sing the BlackBerry Z10's praises.

"I love the browser, it's super fast," she said. "I love the Hub. The design, the flow, I'm a big fan of that."

Keys also said she likes the Balance feature, which allows users to partition their operating system between work functions and personal life functions. "I think it's a good reminder for all of us to put work aside when we need to," she said.

Keys said she's been given a sneak peek of the new phone, but she, or whoever was operating her Twitter account, was using Twitter for iPhone this week as well as Instagram, an app not yet available on BlackBerry 10. Keys did admit she'd been "playing the field."

"It's kind of like I was in a long-term relationship with the BlackBerry. And then I started to notice some new kind of hotter, attractive, sexier phones at the gym," she said, to laughs.

"I kinda broke up with you for something that had a little more bling. But I always missed the way you organized my life and the way you were there for me at my job. So I kinda had two phones, was kind of playing the field," she said.

"But then you called and you told me that you were working out, you added fine features. Now we're exclusively dating again."

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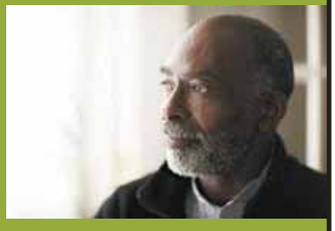
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Hometown crowds root for BB10 launch

BlackBerry's birthplace. Celebrations in Waterloo and Kitchener signify how important new devices are to region

Research In Motion's hometown celebrated the launch of the new BlackBerry 10 phones Wednesday as one of the tech-savvy region's biggest accomplishments yet.

More than 150 politicians, entrepreneurs and business people filled a hall in the building of a local technology association to watch a live video stream of RIM chief executive Thorsten Heins as he made a glitzy, Steve Jobs-style presentation of the new flagship product in New York City.

The crowd let out a roar as Heins flashed the smartphones, seen as make-or-break devices for the company — a major employer in the Waterloo region.

They also cheered and applauded when RIM's new name — BlackBerry — was announced, although not quite as loudly.

No pressure

"Its success is our success. I hope it does well."

Local home restorer Tony Katic, who has friends working for the company now known as BlackBerry. Katic said that what's good for the firm is good for everyone in Kitchener-Waterloo.

The event kicked off a day of planned celebrations in Waterloo and neighbouring Kitchener, which have both strung up BlackBerry street pole banners marking the launch.

Kitchener Mayor Carl Zehr hailed the BlackBerry 10 as a "game changer" that will boost sales for the embattled smartphone pioneer.

"It's gone through its difficult times, but we've stuck by it and I think that they have come up with something that is going to blow people's minds," said Zehr, who will be among the first to get one of the new touchscreen phones next week.

Zehr said he's not concerned for the future of the Kitchener-Waterloo silicon corridor if the new phones prove a flop. The region, he noted, is not just about one company. Some 1,000 high-tech businesses — from humble start-ups to Google — have set up shop in the area, he said. "There are other technology firms that are becoming anchors in their own way."

The BlackBerry Z10, a touchscreen model, will hit the shelves next Tuesday while the BlackBerry Q10, which will have a physical keyboard, will follow in April — a move that was signalled last year by the company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SPACE TRAVEL IS ALL ABOUT MONKEYING AROUND

HE SAYS...
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Have you noticed how laissez-faire coverage of space exploration is these days? I'm excited about how dull outer space is getting.

There's a Canadian in orbit and we're focusing on his Twitter feed and his guitar playing. Meanwhile, Iran sent a monkey into space and it only got equal coverage (maybe) with a monkey in an Ikea parking lot. If Iran wanted attention, they should have dressed it in an adorable shearling spacesuit.

I'm not lamenting this lack of excitement, I think it's amazing and wonderful that we've gotten used to it. I like to think it means we've accepted it as our destiny, rather than gotten bored with it.

To understand how we got here (or there), here's a completely accurate timeline of human space exploration.

1949: The U.S. sends a monkey into space. Harry S. Truman delivers a triumphant message to the world that reads, in part, "Top that, future Iranian theocracy."

1956-1957: Russia launches Sputnik I and Sputnik II: Electric Boogaloo into space, the latter with the dog Laika on board. The dog dies, giving the U.S.S.R. valuable Cold War information about the need to feed your dog in space.

1958: Soviet spacecraft Zond 5 is thought to be the first vessel to orbit the moon, though we now realize the craft actually orbited an American television studio in Nevada.

1961: Astronaut Alan Shepard becomes the first person that matters, or "American," in space.

1955-1971: The Soviet Union has the first satellite, spacecraft, human in space, woman in space, spacewalk, lunar rover and space station, but, as history teaches us, the U.S. is the winner of the space race because they were the first country to use the moon for golf.

1962: John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit Earth. He sees the Earth as it really is, a fragile home of one unified species, and is told that if he shares those feelings with anyone he will be executed for treason.

1972: Eugene Cernan and Harrison "Jack" Schmitt are the last men to walk on the moon, and are loved forever, as can be proven by the fact that you have no need to look up whether those are their real names or just a couple of names I made up.

1976: America's Viking 2 finds the first possible signs of life on Mars — chewed cigar ends, two open condom wrappers and a sink full of dirty dishes.

1981: The Canadarm is sent into orbit, the first limb of the action hero Cana-dar. When the final piece, the Canabdomen, is sent into orbit next year, the SuperRobot will rule the world from space, and kick some Canadass.

1996: Khan Noonien Singh takes the DY-100 class interplanetary sleeper ship Botany Bay out of the solar system.

2012: Canadian Chris Hadfield — a hyper-intelligent, unbelievably eloquent and experienced pilot-musician who can use Twitter constantly without being annoying and can rock a moustache no problem — is launched into space by a bunch of guys who were feeling insecure whenever he was around.

2013: Iran sends a monkey into space. The mission is considered a failure when the monkey's guitar playing is mediocre at best and his tweets are nothing more than repeated requests for more bananas.

Iran said it has launched a monkey into space. The U.S. worries that technology from the space program could be used to develop long-range missiles that could potentially be armed with nuclear warheads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wintry bubble bath

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Ice photography

Surreal bubbles frozen in icy lake

Eerie, painterly and almost supernatural, these bubbles are in fact a real wonder.

This stunning photograph shows hundreds of frozen bubbles trapped below Abraham Lake in Alberta. Located at the foot of the Rocky Mountains on the North Saskatchewan River, the rare phenomenon occurs each winter in the man-made lake. METRO

Ice bubbles

- Organic matter on the lake bed releases methane gas, which freezes as it comes up to the surface. Normally, methane turns into carbon dioxide before reaching the surface.
- Bubbles keep stacking up below the frozen lake once the weather gets colder.
- Stacks of frozen bubbles are reminiscent of slabs of rock that form volcanic pillars.

Expedition experience

'My forehead was bleeding a little'

Judging by the photographer's experience, this photography is not without its perils.

"I use crampons to avoid slipping, but on one of my first trips to the lake, a giant gust of wind came barrelling down, picked me up and threw me back on the ice," said Chip Phillips, the photographer. "My forehead was bleeding a little ... so I am very careful when I go out now." METRO

Photographer's view

"You have to walk out on the ice to photograph the bubbles, the icy surface is around 22 centimetres deep."

Chip Phillips, 40, photographer from Spokane, Wash.

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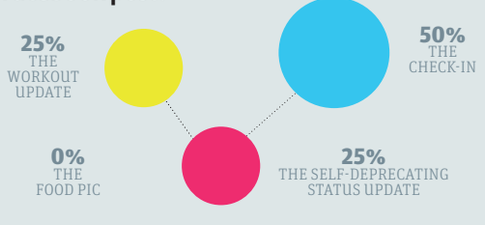

Twitter

@lovecathy: Change is in the air for @BlackBerry. I'm impressed. Sending positive vibes #BlackBerry #BB10 #KeepMoving

@ladycarolin3: Man, I'm loving the BB10 stuff I've seen so far. My hopes for RIM are still strong, I think I may stay with BB! #GoRIM #BB10rocks !

@BDGZ: I've been going back and forth between iPhone and BB for about a month. Thought I was settled, but after #BB10 launch = more confusion.

@MikeKlassen: It's downright balmy in #Toronto tonight. #nojacketrequired

@MarkSommerfeld: regardless of its success, it's been a lift to see/read buzz around the #BlackBerry10 (especially from Waterlooians).

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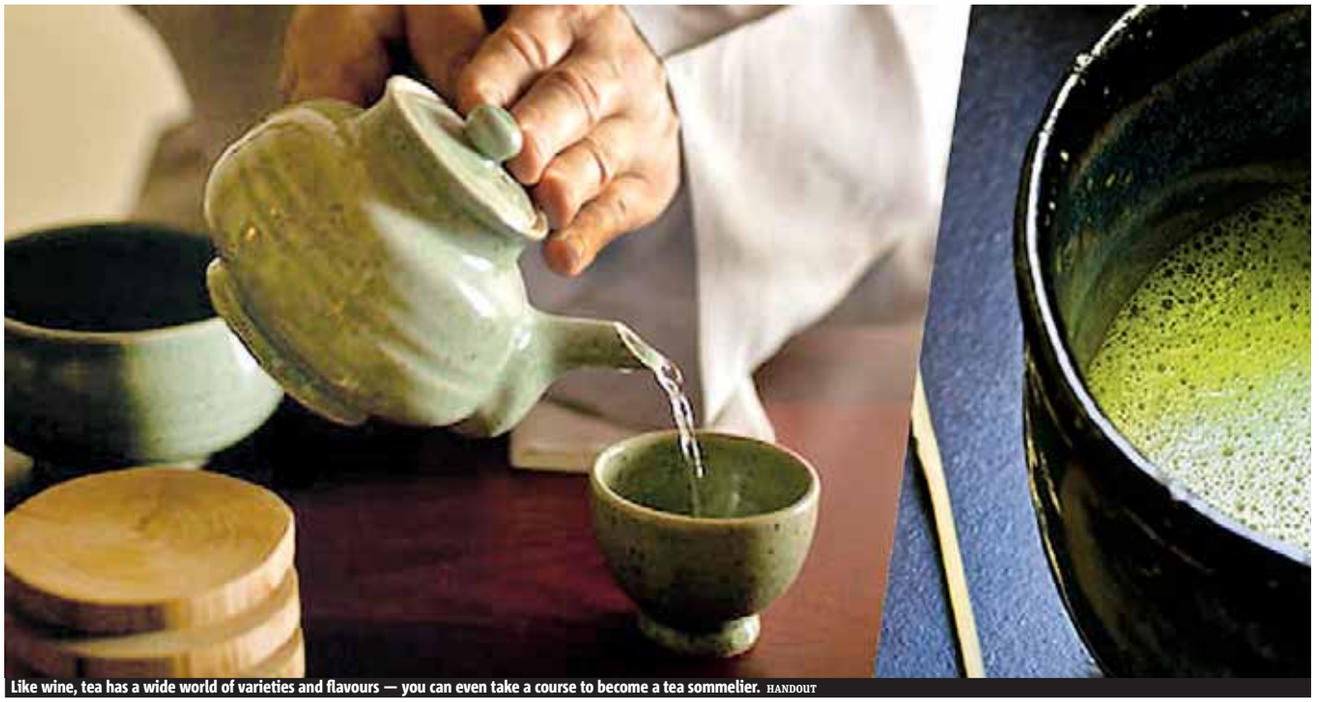

Like wine, tea has a wide world of varieties and flavours — you can even take a course to become a tea sommelier. HANDOUT

Everyone's cup of tea

Festival. One-day event at Toronto's Reference Library highlights how complex the world of tea has become

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Coffee's out, tea is in. At least that's the hope of organizers for this weekend's Tea Festival at the Reference Library.

While coffee shops have ruled the real estate roost since the mid-90s, the last five years have seen a relative explosion of specialty teashops in the city.

"Tea is not new to this country," say Tao Wu, owner of Tao Tea Leaf and one of the festival's organizers. "People just needed a chance to learn more about [it]."

With a mandate to fostering excellence in the world of specialty tea, the Canadian Tea Guild, who are co-presenting the festival, share Wu's view of tea culture in Canada: the base is there, if only they can be steered away from the Red Rose.

Tea and coffee are often uttered in the same breath, but Wu says wine is the more apt comparison.

"You're talking about the region, the season and who is the tea master making the tea."

George Brown even offers a course to train tea sommeliers.

And like wine, there's a world of varieties and flavours.

"We have some very famous regions, but it's hard to say where the best tea is from," says Wu. It comes down to personal taste.

Wu comes from a tea family — growing up in the mountainous Wuyishan region of China, his parents worked in the tea trade. As he demonstrates aspects a Chinese tea ceremony in his Yonge St. store, Wu recalls how when he came to Canada in 2007, he assumed tea shops were none-existent.

"I thought people just go to the supermarket."

It wasn't until Wu, now 30, read about a Sri Lankan teashop that he decided to open his own.

"I also have a tea background," he remembers thinking.

"Why don't I do something like that? I love tea!"

Toronto Tea Festival — Saturday, February 2. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. torontoteafestival.com

Quoted

"Tea is not new to this country. People just needed a chance to learn more about it"

Tao Wu, owner of Tao Tea Leaf and one of the festival organizers

Tea takes off

Still in its first year, the Toronto Tea Festival already looks like a hit. Organizers are expecting over 600 people and advanced tickets are already sold out, although some will be available at the door. Those who make it in can expect plenty of education opportunities with talks and workshops explaining everything from the basics of tea to the mannered eloquence of cultural tea ceremonies. And of course, there'll be plenty of opportunities to sample as well. "We want people to have chances to taste different types of tea," says Wu, "so they can understand the difference."

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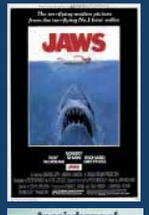

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Double-life show, double the challenge

Steven Pasquale. Lead actor relishing challenge as he takes on roles of playing Jekyll and Hyde versions of himself

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

There's a new high-concept split-personality thriller on the block, NBC's Do No Harm, starring Steven Pasquale as both successful neurosurgeon Jason and the destructive psychopath Ian, who takes over Jason's body between 8:25 p.m. and 8:25 a.m. Of course, this isn't the first show to try out the double life concept, — examples of these series include NBC's My Own Worst Enemy in 2008 and Awake last year, neither of which made it out to a second season.

But the folks behind Do No Harm are heading into this week's premiere with confidence. "I think that ultimately you can only write the show you want to watch, and this was a show that I just wanted to see on TV," says executive producer David Schulner.

"But definitely I took lessons from those shows and I said this is going to be a show you're going to want to watch every single week. You can't wait to tune in because it's so crazy. The stuff that Ian does to Jason and Jason will do to Ian, it's a wild roller coaster ride, and it's just thrilling and fun. So I think that's where the big difference between those shows are."

That thrilling fun comes mostly from the ways in which Ian goes wild with Jason's life while his more mild-mannered counterpart sleeps. "Ian's a little bit like a cat. The cat wants to play with that mouse. He doesn't want to kill it because what fun would that be?" Schulner says.

"So Ian's going to do a lot of stuff to Jason. And then what's great about Jason is he's just as smart as Ian is and is sometimes two steps ahead, so there are traps in place. So it's a constant cat-and-mouse chess game between the two of them. But Ian is not toothless. There's a true danger to him. He's truly menacing, and that's why Jason's character needs to get rid of him."

Pasquale, here with Alana De La Garza, enjoys Do No Harm's challenge. GETTY

For Pasquale, that makes for a fascinating acting challenge, but at least he knows both characters' fates are safe. "Ian's aware that if he were ever to murder somebody, they would (both) go to jail," Pasquale says, while stressing that "it really is a very real threat of something going very dark. Whether or not it happens will remain to be seen, but certainly that's where all of the tension lies."

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Raised eyebrows

Swift turns heads with riskier, more mature wardrobe

Taylor Swift. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taylor Swift has been turning heads with her new, sexy wardrobe, but the 23-year-old says it's just a reflection of getting older.

Swift has people buzzing about her recent red carpet choices, which have included plunging necklines and shorter skirts. "As far as wardrobe, we have been operating from a different place," Swift said.

While her choices may be demure compared with the Kim Kardashians of the world, for Swift, a former teen sweetheart, it's raised eyebrows, and she acknowledges that it's been a bit of a shock for some people who are accustomed to seeing her wear long dresses. She recalled how her decision to wear shorts at last year's MTV Video Music Awards caused a stir.

"It was like, 'Gasp, Taylor wears shorts.' And I thought it was hilarious," she said, adding: "I'm not going to be like taking my clothes off or that sort of thing." Swift's new look is a reflection of her overall maturation, with her latest album, Red, selling more than 3 million copies since it was released last fall and producing two smash singles, I Knew You Were Trouble and We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together. The album is nominated for record of the year at next month's Grammy Awards.

"I'm so happy about (my) three nominations — it's so unreal," Swift said in a phone interview Monday from Paris.

"The fans have been so good to me this year," she said. "I wanted to make a genre-defying record, I wanted to make an album that was hard to pin down, and hard to box in."

Swift said fans should expect more surprises during her upcoming tour, which kicks off March 13 in Omaha, Neb.

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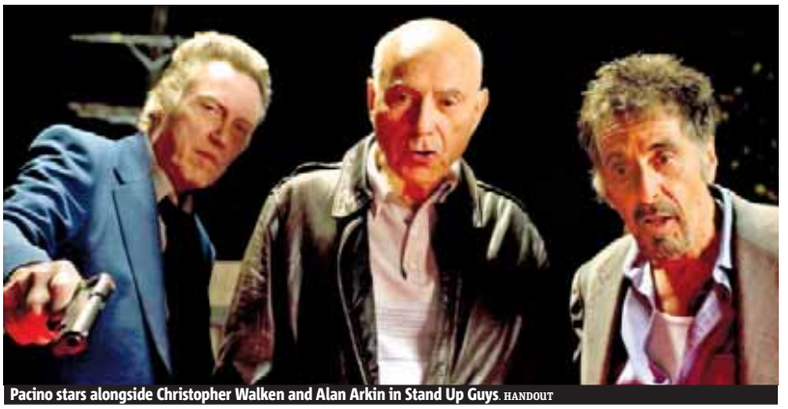

Pacino stars alongside Christopher Walken and Alan Arkin in Stand Up Guys. HANDOUT

Life in Pacino yet

Stand Up Guys. Acting legend talks about directing, poker and retirement — a concept he refuses to understand

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Stand Up Guys finds Al Pacino playing an aging criminal released from prison after 28 years and taking stock of his life while trying to prove he's still got some life in him. So it seems like a perfect time to check in on Pacino himself and see how he's holding up. Here's what we learned from our chat with the actor, 72.

He has no plans for retirement

"I don't even know what that means, really. It's all about retiring to what? What is retirement about? Sometimes I wonder, why am I doing this? And then sometimes I don't think about that. I think it's understanding what you're capable of doing. If a role interests me, excites me or challenges me, then I don't see any reason why I wouldn't try it. If the roles become far and fewer between, then that's OK too, because then I'll find other things to do. But there's (directing) Salome, doing Looking for Richard, those things are sort of extensions of myself and my life. I could be doing that while I was retired, you know?"

He feels far from accomplished as a director, though

"I feel that I'm doing the wrong thing. Sometimes when I do a movie and I'm sitting seeing a preview of the movie I'm thinking — because the film is some place else, usually in the editing room, miles away, and they're bringing it to the theatre — I often think, I hope that somebody grabs hold of that film right now and recuts it and makes it good (laughs). I've made about four or five of my own films. Only one has seen the light of day, but I do have other films I've made, with my own money. Spielberg once said to me, 'Never put your own money in a movie.' And he was right. But at the same time, it was fun to do and I'm glad I did it. And I'd do it again. I'm trying to put together this thing on Modigliani, and now I will either direct it or produce it, but it was my idea to do it. I've wanted to play it for a long time, but I'm too old to play Modigliani now."

He admits he wasn't always easy to direct

"There's no doubt that I've gotten easier to work with. There's no doubt. They tell me that. I think that when I was younger I was much more difficult. If I learned anything from directing, I learned what directors go through with actors. A certain amount of empathy is gotten out of that by doing it yourself."

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Operation E release under threat from court case

Clara Rojas, portrayed in Operation E, has filed a motion to prevent the release of the film. HANDOUT

Colombia. Award-winning movie may not see release in country of origin due to motion filed to protect child

It's one of the most heart-tugging tales of Colombia's long civil conflict: Rebels appear at the jungle home of a poor farmer carrying a seven-month-old boy with a bandaged left arm.

The farmer tells them that the medicine man they seek isn't around.

They leave the baby anyway, and promise to return the following day. But they don't.

The abandoned child won't see his hostage mother until an emotional reunion after she is finally freed from captivity three years later.

Now an award-winning movie about the case has itself become a part of the drama.

Clara Rojas, who gave birth to Emmanuel in 2004 while a hostage of Colombia's main leftist rebel group, has asked a court to prevent the film, Operation E, from being shown in the country, saying it would harm her child and "the free development of his personality."

A ruling could come this week in a case that has brought Rojas under criticism from anti-censorship advocates including writers, film critics and even President Juan Manuel Santos, a former newspaperman.

Rojas was campaign manager for presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt when the two were seized by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, in 2002.

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The Vaccines. Winding road to success adds to Come of Age album

The first refrain a listener will hear on the Vaccines sophomore album is Justin Young, singing in a snotty punk voice, "I don't really care about anybody else when I haven't got my own life figured out."

This admission seems curious for a band who seem to have found their footing and are arguably living up to their latest album's title, The Vaccines Come of Age. But Young says coming of age is not without its growing pains, and the lyrics really ring true for him.

"It's just about being in your 20s, and it's a very weird time because you're expected to know who you are and where you want to go and how you want to get there, and I guess not everybody really does," he says. "And this is the first time in your life where you realize that you and your friends are at different points on the path."

The path has been a scenic one for the past few years for Young and his cohorts, guitarist Freddie Cowan, bassist Árni Arnason and drummer Pete Robertson, if not a bit of a blur. This path included a great debut in 2011 (What Did You Expect from The Vaccines) and a number one album in their home country of England when Come of Age came out this fall.

"For us, it felt like a more accomplished record," says Young, "as it perhaps should and would a year-and-a-half later of having been playing together every night."

A little too literal

"I really didn't want to make a record about being in a band and being a musician."

Justin Young
Talking about making their new album.

But even with the band chemistry continuing to ferment, there is still an agitation to these songs that give the album life.

"When you're a kid and you see these people in these bands, you think they're these perfect beings beamed down from space," says Young. "I definitely don't feel like a different person, but perhaps I'm expected to be. I really didn't want to make a record about being in a band and being a musician. I think that really disconnects you from your audience."

But Young insist these are no spoiled rock star blues he's experiencing. He says it's almost the opposite.

"We're incredibly lucky and we're doing everything we've ever wanted to do and we're happy, but it's like it doesn't matter what position you're put in, it still doesn't change you as a person. You can only ever find happiness within yourself."

PAT HEALY/MWN

The Vaccines are trying not to be repetitive on their sophomore album. HANDOUT

Nicki Minaj. Singer not worried by Grammy snub

Nicki Minaj believes her Grammy time will come. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite having a big year in music, Nicki Minaj didn't receive any Grammy nominations. Not a problem, she says.

"I've gotten tons of awards and I believe when it's my time to get a Grammy, I'll get a Grammy," she said. The 30-year-old had one of last year's biggest hits with Starships and her sophomore album, Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded, has reached gold status.

But Minaj, who received three Grammy nominations last year, was shut out when this year's nominations were announced. "I think that the Grammys had a different reason, that I do not want to discuss ..." she said. "But I respect their organization and I'll get a Grammy eventually. I'm not worried about it."

A representative for The Recording Academy didn't immediately respond to an email Tuesday seeking comment.

Minaj was criticized when she released her sophomore album last April for taking on a pop-and-electronic sound that echoed Katy Perry, Rihanna and Ke$ha. Roman Reloaded is a mesh of hip-hop, dance, pop, R&B and reggae flavours. "I understand that artists and critics make a big deal over the Grammys. But when I go to my shows and I'm selling out arenas in London and Australia, there aren't any Grammys there," she said."

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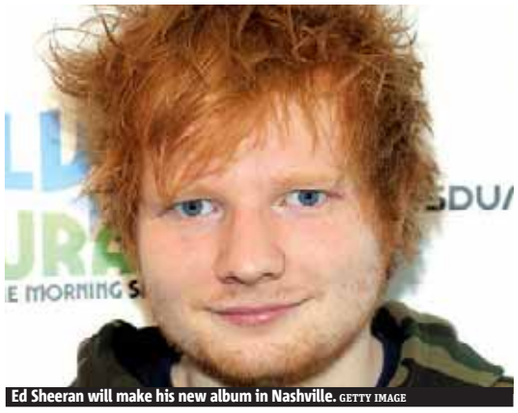
Star on the rise Sheeran shares his thoughts



Ed Sheeran will make his new album in Nashville. GETTY IMAGE

Q&A. The British musician on his forthcoming duet with Elton John, dating and Taylor Swift

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News in New York

British singer/songwriter Ed Sheeran is nominated for song of the year for The A Team at this year's Grammys, but he's been a member of an "A Team" for quite some time.

He is the writer behind the One Direction songs Little Things and Moments, and last year he performed at the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee. This year, he's shaping up to be a star player.

He has a sold-out show at Radio City on Wednesday night, plays a duet with Elton John at the Grammys and joins Taylor Swift on her Red tour this summer. Metro caught up with him for a chat:

Congratulations on your Grammy nomination! How did you hear about it?
I didn't expect to be nominated and I was quite drunk at the time as well, so all these "Congratulations!" texts were coming in and I kind of thought it was for something else.

Tell us about performing with Elton John.
Yeah, I mean, it doesn't really get bigger than that. ... He rung me up and was like, "So, how would you feel about playing the Grammys with me?" and I was like, "Um, yeah, I think that could probably work (laughs)."

Will you be nervous sharing the stage with him?
You know what, I'm not nervous about being on TV and I'm not nervous about it being a duet with Elton, but I am nervous having to play in front of — like, it's one thing being from Britain going to a British awards show because when you go to that you kind of know 95 per cent of the people there. But I've never been in front of — pretty much the whole of the American industry. I don't know any of them, apart from someone like Taylor (Swift). I mean it's good, it puts me on the map, but it's also quite nerve-racking.

Speaking of Taylor Swift, you'll be joining her on tour this summer.
Yeah, it starts in March and finishes in September. It should be great.

You're friendly with her already, and you're touring together this summer. Will you hang out during your downtime?
In my time off I'm gonna be making an album. I'm moving to Nashville for a bit while I make a record and I think Taylor lives just around the corner, so we'll be hanging and probably writing more music.

Since you're on her album, Red, can we expect to hear her on your next CD?
Um, probably not, no. I'm gonna kinda steer away from doing collaborations, I think, on this record. ... (But) if we end up writing a song that's completely mind-blowing, then yeah.

We'd be remiss if we didn't ask: Has she confided in you about what happened between her and Harry Styles?
I'd rather stay out of that.

Fair enough. What about you? Are you dating someone special?
Um, not really. There was an opportunity to and then when I got offered this tour, it kind of went out, just because I was coming through America from January through September so it wouldn't be much fun starting up anything.

Makes sense. What do you look for in a girl?
Usually just a good sense of humour and nice eyes. I usually prefer girls that are shorter than me because I'm quite short myself.

So One Direction could be singing a song about your ex and the girl might not even know it?
That is exactly what has happened (laughs).

Has that girl ever come around and been like, "Did you write this song about me?"
Um, well, I haven't really written any other songs about anyone else, so she probably gets that it's about her.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lindsay Lohan

Lohan calls in sick to court date

Lindsay Lohan is no stranger to missing court dates but at least this time she apparently has a good reason. Lohan planned to miss yesterday's hearing because she was feeling ill, according to E! News.

The troubled starlet is still in New York, where she has reportedly come down with the flu, and the condition is said to be serious enough that she managed to get a doctor to declare her unfit to travel.

Harry Styles

Harry Styles goofs on photographer

One Direction's Harry Styles is not one to turn down a request from a fan, even if that fan happens to be the daughter of a paparazzo.

A London photographer recently pressed the boy-bander for an autograph for his daughter, Emma, and Styles was happy to oblige, according to Xposure Photos. His message?

"Dear Ella, Please tell your daddy to go away. Love from Harry x"

The Word

Jason London in his better days. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

A Dazed and Confused disaster

THE WORD
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All of those Tiger Beat questionnaires that Dazed and Confused star Jason London had to fill out in the '90s never foresaw him crapping in the back seat of a cop car.

Yes, the former teen heartthrob got into a bit of a mess in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Saturday night after getting into a bar fight with some bouncers. According to the police report, cops were called and London was so nuts that he had to be subdued after shoving a few officers.

But it was in the backseat of the cop car on the way to being booked where it gets bad. En route to the station, London started throwing insults to the cops.

"I f—ing love this. I f—ing own you guys so hard," he reportedly yelled. "I'm rich and I'm a motherf—ing famous actor! F—ing look me up, bitch. It smells like s—t in your car and your breath smells like diarrhea."

Jason London's mugshot.

The actor then allegedly leaned to the left and pooped his pants. London, not one to forget his theatre training, then gave this zinger: "I told you I'm happy as s—t."

London was eventually arrested for disorderly conduct/fighting and assault, and for realizing that you don't need to take similes literally.

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Don't let the 1st month of the New Year go by w/o doing something that gets you closer to your goals!

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Thanks everyone for your birthday wishes. Enjoying lunch with Stedman . No plans to leave p.j.'s all day

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Been forcing a smile all day to see if it would make me happy. My jaw is killing me.

Alec Baldwin

Alec Baldwin could be adding to his clan

Alec Baldwin may be preparing for fatherhood again, according to reports from In Touch.

Sources tell the magazine that Baldwin's wife, Hilaria, is pregnant with the couple's first child.

"Hilaria has told only really close friends and family she is pregnant, only a close circle she trusts," the source says.

But Baldwin's reps are eager to put such claims to rest.

"Our response to baby speculation over the past 18 months has remained the same: When and if (Alec and Hilaria Baldwin) have news they want to share, they will share it," the reps posted via Twitter.

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Baby bump?

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KHLOE KARDASHIAN

As she promotes her makeup line, Khroma Beauty, X Factor USA host Khloe Kardashian opens up her beauty cabinet, reveals the family beauty secrets and gushes over baby Kimye.

SISTER ACT

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Khroma Beauty, the cosmetics line Khloe Kardashian has launched with her equally famous sisters, is made up of face palettes, mascaras and lip glosses with snazzy names like Kardazzle and, most intriguingly, Shebang. So she is naturally a goldmine of beauty advice on everything from eye makeup ("Never share an eye pencil or mascara; you don't know what infections people have!") and blemishes ("I'll put some concealer on here and there and use loose facial powder, but never all-over foundation.")

But when it comes to the topic we're all wondering about, she only has this to say about her soon to be niece or nephew, most commonly known as baby Kimye: "We're so excited!" She gives us a peek inside her beauty cabinet.

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"I get very oily so I always have loose facial powder on me and oil blotting paper."

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"My eyes are my favourite assets. I don't wear false lashes, just mascara. So I always have one in my purse."

Q+A

Khloe on...

Growing up Kardashian

"I wasn't allowed to wear full on makeup until I was 15. I could only wear it on my eyes. So one time, when I was in the sixth grade, I picked out this blue shadow that was just not cute. My sisters tried to tell me to tone it down. They taught me the tricks of the trade. I would watch what they did and try to mimic them. And my mom would always say: 'If you don't have time to do anything, just make sure you put a pop of colour on your lips'. You don't need much more."

Feeling beautiful, while married

"Makeup or no makeup, you have to be comfortable in your own skin, especially in the bedroom. If you're not, it could shine through. But if your partner is constantly telling you you're beautiful, then you don't really care what you wear or what you look like. Beauty isn't just about makeup. It's about taking care of yourself."

Looking camera-ready, all the time

"Always carry a huge pair of sunglasses with you. There's no need to be wearing a full face of makeup and stilettos all day, every day. Just do little things, like brushing your hair before you leave the house."

Khloe Kardashian / GETTY IMAGES

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Halifax

Mallory Glenn

Hair and makeup artist in the film industry

Age: 28

What she's wearing
Vintage coat from Lost & Found, Lady Luck necklace, Steve Madden boots, hat and jeans from Gap

Her inspiration
"I'm drawn to neutrals, and I usually go for organic fabrics and textures."

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@Jeanne_Beker: First tweet from my new blackberry 10! Feel as though I have entered the new age!!!

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@Jeanne_Beker: You should aspire instead to be the first YOU!!!! It's all about being a true original in this business. :)

@RWchichi: Great advice! Can't help it if your career is a total inspiration though!

@Jeanne_Beker: xoxo! Be fearless and tenacious. And develop a unique point of view! Good luck....

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Of alligator and must-see TV with the Bayou Billionaires

Q&A. Kitten Dowden and her family are invading the small screen. Before they do, she shares some of her kitchen secrets

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A short while ago, the Dowdens were like a lot of other hard-working Shreveport, La., families — pinching pennies and balancing budgets.

Now they're hiring personal trainers and exploring new business ventures on CMT's Bayou Billionaires after discovering their home sits on the fourth largest deposit of natural gas in the United States.

At the head of the family are Kitten and Gerald Dowden, who lead their brood of kids, grandkids and Kitten's 90-year-old father, Grandpa — an old-fashioned ladies' man.

Aside from enjoying their fortune, the Dowdens do some serious cooking — think gumbo, jambalaya, crawfish bisque, blackened chicken, red beans, bread pudding and more.

Kitten tells us her cooking secrets, family food traditions and shares a recipe from her own kitchen.

Catch them on TV

Bayou Billionaires premieres on Friday at 9 p.m. ET on CMT.

How important is it for your family to eat together?
I've always preached to my kids that families should have dinner together every night of their lives. That's the problem with family units these days — they don't all sit together and have dinner.

Are there any food traditions that the Dowdens practice?
I always tell my girls that you should always leave something on your plate. That's a little etiquette tip for the girls.

Who is the best cook in the family? The worst? Why?
I am the best cook, absolutely. I've cooked all my life. My mom and my grandmothers showed me everything and I loved to watch and learn. The worst cook would have to be my daddy. He burns everything and he always makes a big mess.

What are some of the most common ingredients you cook with?
A lot of spice, peppers, butter and bacon grease.

What are the most popular bayou dishes?
The most popular are anything with crawfish such as gumbo, étouffée and Jambalaya.

What does alligator taste like?
I think alligator tastes like chicken and Gerald says it tastes like pork. The texture is like pork, but it tastes like chicken.

Kitten and Gerald Dowden star in Bayou Billionaires, after discovering their home sits on the fourth largest natural gas deposit in the United States. SUBMITTED

Dinner. Spicy Sausage and Crawfish Jambalaya

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp oil
- 10 to 12 oz Andouille sausage or smoked sausage, sliced bite size
- 1 1/2 cups crawfish tails (approx)
- 1 tbsp Cajun seasoning
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 small bell pepper, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 16 oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp filé powder
- 1 1/4 cup uncooked white rice
- 2 1/2 cup chicken broth

1. Heat oil in large pot.

2. Season sausage and crawfish with Cajun seasoning. Set aside.

3. In pot with heated oil, sauté onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic until tender. Stir in crushed tomatoes and season with red pepper, black pepper, salt, hot pepper sauce, Worcestershire sauce and filé powder.

4. Stir in sausage and crawfish. Cook a few minutes, stirring occasionally.

5. Stir in rice and chicken broth. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 20 to 30 minutes until liquid absorbed and rice is tender. I like chopped green onions on top. Check taste to see if it needs salt.

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Toronto,ON M5V 3C6

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Meet the condo

- **What.** Ocean Club condos
- **Builder.** Beaverhall Homes Graywood Developments Ltd.
- **Location.** 2157 Lake Shore Blvd. W.
- **Website.** oceanclubcondos.ca
- **Sizes.** From 440 to 1,230 sq. ft.
- **Pricing.** From $249,900 - $984,000

The project overview

An iconic new development on Etobicoke's waterfront. Ocean Club's 39-storey glass condominium and 10-storey boutique residence is designed to maximize lake views and encompass a waterside bistro and patio. Interiors by Tomas Pearce Interior Design Consulting include a spectacular three-storey glass-walled lobby.

Location and transit

Arrive at Mimico GO Station for your morning commute in just 10 minutes; hop on the QEW or Lakeshore Boulevard and drive into downtown Toronto in less than 20 minutes; or if you prefer, take the Humber Bay Express bus.

In the neighbourhood

There are many convenience stores, grocery outlets, pharmacies, shops and restaurants in the vicinity of Humber Bay Shores, including one of Ontario's premier shopping malls, Sherway Gardens, just a seven-minute drive west.

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Housing affordability supply and demand

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Housing affordability is a popular topic these days, not just among homebuyers but among members of the building and development industry as well.

The housing market in the GTA is a difficult thing to explain as it contains numerous variables, but when it comes to affordability, the answer is much simpler — supply and demand.

The GTA market has no shortage of demand, as evident by the 100,000 new residents that choose to move here every year, but supply is a bit more complex as it revolves around three key indicators: the average price of a home, the difference in price between a new high-rise and a low-rise home and the amount of remaining inventory of homes.

Let's first analyze the average price of a home. If we rewind the clocks to 10 years ago, the market looked very different, with ground-related housing dominating the market share while the average price of a new detached, semi or townhome was $321,542. However, at the end of last year, the average price of a new ground-related home in the GTA reached $632,868. This latest number represents a 16 per cent increase from last year.

This is important, considering that the GTA will welcome a million new residents over the next 20 years who will all need places to live. This leads me to my next point: the difference in price between a low-rise home and a high-rise home.

Ten years ago, that difference was $67,133. At the end of 2012, it has grown to $196,844. To illustrate what makes all of this possible, we will move on to my final indicator: the remaining inventory of new ground-related homes in the GTA. At the end of last year, there were just over 7,500 new detached, semi-detached and townhomes remaining for sale across the GTA.

That might sound like a lot, but just four years ago, that number was double.

Affordability will have the biggest effect on Generation Y, many of whom are made up of first-time buyers or recent homeowners. With a depleted low-rise supply, where will this generation live once they pair up and start families of their own? We all have to work together — the industry, government, special interest groups and residents — to ensure that new home buyers in the GTA can enjoy affordability and choice in housing type in the coming years.

What's hot on the condo market

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When decorating trends turn to classics

Decor. Which of this year's trends should you invest in?

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Over the past century we've seen many decor trends come and go, with some holding the test of time to prosper and become classics, though usually with some modern tweaking. In the 1980s, natural seagrass carpeting became a trend that never went away.

In the '90s, stainless-steel kitchen appliances was splashed on the domestic kitchen market and stabilized as long-term investments for the kitchen.

So what new decorating trends will we be seeing a lot of, for at least the next decade? I have three predictions.

Grey

This solemn neutral was huge in the mid '80s. Back then it was a steely-blue grey and used only to achieve a modern esthetic.

Its return to the decorating world was a nice way to gently transition us away from all the golden taupe that we had grown so fond of.

But this time around the grey is a bit warmer (think grey flannel) and used for both traditional and modern decorating.

Look for this neutral to stick around. Watch it warm up a bit more to an elephant or driftwood colour. This will be the new taupe — cooler than what we remember and looking great with off-white, gold metallics and shots of strong colour.

Chevron pattern

Whether you call it zig-zag, herringbone or chevron, this angled linear pattern has come in and out of decor fashion for decades. Currently, the design is highlighted with contrasting coloured stripes that add punchy patterns to wallpaper, bedding, fabrics and carpets.

Look for this pattern calming itself down and being shown more as a texture than an obvious print. Tone-on-tone is the way to go with this classic chevron pattern if you want it around for a long time.

Farmhouse style

It goes without saying that country-style decorating is still the most popular form of decor, maybe not in your city, but trust me, it's everywhere else in the world.

Farmhouse chic is a style that allows us to mix humble, worn furnishings with a touch or industrial style in order to make it cool again. All of a sudden the worn and softened look of the farmhouse trend starts to look good in our urban spaces.

Watch this decorating style slowly morph from a poor/humble look to an upscale look with fancy antiques being thrown in for prosperity.

Cedric loveseat — warm grey will become a neutral staple in decorating for the next few years. URBANBARN.COM

Humble mixed with formal elements like natural wood and raw metal make for the new farmhouse decor look. RESTORATION HARDWARE

Printed Cotton Panels — The chevron, zig-zag pattern will calm into a tone-on-tone texture. WESTELM.COM

Planet-friendly shopping tactics

Is shopping in bulk better for the planet?
- Sunitha, Hamilton

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The benefits to shopping in bulk are many — you save yourself a few trips down the supermarket aisles, the pantry is always full, the financial savings are substantial and, of course, it's a planet-friendly shopping tactic.

Buying in bulk is better for you and better for the planet. ISTOCK IMAGES

The math is relatively simple. Fewer trips to the supermarket translate into less gas being used. That means fewer emissions going out and more money staying in.

Buying in bulk also saves the producer and supplier the costs of packaging, shipping, shelving, storing and selling you a product multiple times. It's self-evident how that translates into financial benefits for you.

Consider also the environmental benefit.

- Less packaging means reduced waste and minimized shelf space requirements.
- Less shelf space demand means the potential for smaller storefronts with smaller electrical and heating needs.
- Less shipping means fewer emissions. The same amount of food still has to make its way to you, but buying in bulk streamlines the process.

Purchasing food in bulk has other benefits that support a green lifestyle.

Supporting local farmers

Many bulk purchases are made directly from local food producers, with increased financial benefits to the people in your community responsible for feeding you.

These might include fruit or vegetable farmers, cattle farmers, grain producers like Anita's Organics or even dairies.

Creating community around food

There's nothing I like better than bringing communities together around food and buying in bulk can also support this.

Food waste is a concern that looms over large purchases.

What if we don't eat or process it all before it starts to spoil? For some, space is a constraining factor. These barriers are addressed by pooling resources and sharing bulk orders with your neighbours

Bulk foods are whole food ingredients

Purchasing ingredients — instead of prefabricated meals or snacks — allows you the opportunity to cook from scratch.

That means wholesome, delicious meals that live up to your ideals for sustainable food. No preservatives. No food sitting in plastic packaging. No supporting food producers lobbying against the mandatory labelling of GMO ingredients.

Buying in bulk has many benefits to you, your community and the larger environment. If it's a new step, start small.

Choose one area — maybe oats and flours — and set up a system that works for you. Once it's routine, you'll be hooked and you will unquestionably expand into other foods.

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Make a statement at home: give your door a makeover

Home projects. In just part of an afternoon, you can change the feel of your interior space

If you've got your decor looking just about right but want that extra wow factor, consider painting interior doors.

"Address other main features in the room first and then if something is still missing, painting the door provides that, 'aha' moment," says Natalie Myers, principal designer with Veneer Designs in Los Angeles. "It changes everything."

Painting a doorway is easy and inexpensive, depending on your preferred paint and supplies. It's a low-commitment project, since you can simply repaint if you don't like the outcome. And you can customize the colour and design to any decor.

"The true trend is that homeowners are becoming much more confident in using colour," says Colleen Maiura with Lowe's Home Improvement stores. "When combined with the desire to personalize the space, homeowners are experimenting with whatever colour makes them happy."

What are designers seeing most on interior doors?

Interesting colours, especially teal blues and nature-inspired greens, with yellows and pastels for a more playful look in warmer climes and vacation homes. For the less adventurous who still want a bold statement, it's classic colours such as black, charcoal, chocolate and navy.

Before you coat your entire door, test a small spot to make sure you like the colour. Many interior designers will do a colour consultation for a small fee. Or if that's not in your budget, Myers suggests searching for inspiration at sites such as Houzz.com and DesignSponge.com, where designers feature their projects, or at Pinterest.com, where do-it-yourselfers post their own interior door transformations.

You can also find inspiration at ApartmentTherapy.com, where founder Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan and his team offer design tips.

Gillingham-Ryan recommends choosing a gloss finish, not matte, of whatever hue you choose for your interior door.

"Think classic, European, oil-based paints," he says, and urges investing in a quality paint. "Higher amounts of pigments and more body make fewer coats needed and a smoother finish. Since you don't need a large amount, the investment in quality paint is worthwhile and a reasonable splurge."

Transforming your door can increase the impact of any architectural details in the room.

It "helps to define the space visually while adding personality, colour and, in the case of (a glassy) finish, texture and light reflection," explains Gillingham-Ryan.

If you want the door to blend into the look of the room, choose colours that complement your wall shades, experts say. Pick an accent colour or something bold if you want the door to pop out as its own statement.

Painting the trim the same colour as the door or walls, or an entirely different colour, can also add dimension.

"I have seen people follow the geometric trend right now and paint two shades of the same colour on the diagonal on one door face. That's pretty adventurous," says Myers. "Otherwise, it's safe yet just as dramatic to paint a solid colour on the door and contrasting colour on the trim."

Once you've decided on your colour palette and finish, it's time to get down to painting. Experts suggest setting aside at least a couple of hours. Plan to apply at least two coats for rich, full coverage.

It's usually best to take the door off and remove the hinges and other hardware before painting. However, if you've got a steady hand, you can use brushes and small rollers to carefully apply paint to a hanging door.

At ValsparPaints.com, experts recommend starting with the edges. Then, for flat doors, start by rolling paint on the top half of the door and work your way down. Use light pressure strokes with the roller to smooth out the paint. Let the first application dry, then follow the same process with the second coat of colour.

For panelled doors, start from the top, applying paint to the panels first, then to other areas of the door. Foam brushes and small rollers can be helpful in smoothing paint in tight spots and deep panels.

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Painting interior doors and trim helps create contrast while adding drama and architectural detail to further personalize the space. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE VALSPAR CORPORATION

2013 is heating up with condo events

Roundup. It has been a busy few weeks with groundbreakings, awards, and a design centre cocktail party

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South Beach Condos and Lofts was honoured with two major awards recently at the International Property Awards in London, England. HANDOUT

The new year is heating up with a slew of recent condo events in and around town.

The official onset of construction has begun at The Mercer condominiums by Graywood Developments and Beaverhall Homes.

The 33-storey tower is located at 8 Mercer St. in the entertainment district and will have 412 units set for completion in 2015. To make way for construction, the presentation centre has moved to 24 Mercer Street.

South Beach Condos and Lofts, a residential development by Amexon Development Corporation was honoured with two major awards at the recent International Property Awards for the Americas Region at a recent gala in London, England. The development was awarded "best high-rise architecture" and "best mixed-use architecture" for Canada. South Beach Condos and Lofts is a mixed-use project located at 88 Park Lawn Rd., that embodies the architecture, colours and vibe of South Beach in Miami.

The who's who of Canadian designers and industry professionals came together for the annual Canadian Home Furnishings Market at the International Centre to show off the latest trends and fresh new home design collections.

Over 300 manufacturers and distributors were celebrating the recent rise in demand for high-quality, Canadian-made furniture. SOFA, the Source of Furniture and Accessories hosted their exclusive annual cocktail party, presenting What's New + What's Next in home furnishings.

Canada's largest one-stop design centre with 200,000 sq. ft. of interior design showrooms, SOFA opened its doors to over 500 attendees in a lead-up to Toronto's International Design Show 2013 that begins this week.

In other news, Menkes Developments Ltd. and Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan broke ground on a new landmark office tower in downtown Toronto called One York Street.

Set to occupy a prominent location at the northeast corner of York and Harbour Streets in the Southcore financial district, the mixed-use complex will be comprised of a 35-storey office tower, a three-level podium with retail space and two residential condominium towers. The project will eventually provide a pedestrian link from Union Station, underneath the Gardiner Expressway, to Queen's Quay.

Commercial division president, Peter Menkes tells Metro "That's a big win for everybody. All the residents down in Queen's Quay have always wanted that type of better connectivity to the downtown."

Earlier this month, Empire Communities announced the appointment of Andrew Guido to the position of executive vice president of corporate development.

Mr. Guido is a seasoned senior business consultant with more than 25 years experience working with CEOs, senior management and entrepreneurs. Vaughan-based Empire Communities is a residential builder and developer involved in all sectors of the new home building industry, including both low-rise and high-rise.

Side door experience

There may be nothing you can help with here as I have met with no solution but here is my story.

I bought a new house with a side door and a small deck that allows access to that door. A number of months after the transaction closed, I received a notice from the municipality that my door and deck contravene set back allowances. An occupancy permit had not been issued for my house and I needed to apply for a minor variance (cost $4,000.00). I contacted my lawyer who clearly indicated that these types of problems are generally covered by title insurance because lawyers no longer check for municipal compliance. I then contacted my title insurer who indicated that because I had known about the problem for a number of months, it was not longer covered under my insurance policy. The builder who is ultimately responsible has been silent to all enquiries so I have no where to turn. What should I do?

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One of the problems of a newer streamlined, title insured purchasing process is that there is no point person who is responsible for all the problems that may develop after closing. I would personally reconnect with the title insurer to see if they would make an exception. Perhaps you lawyer could assist you in persuading them to cover the cost of seeking a minor variance.

Pursuing the builder is probably not worthwhile because they have obviously looked at your problem and written it off. Your last resort may be Small Claims Court to pursue the builder for this obvious problem. Good luck with a difficult situation.

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Rookie Terrence Ross draws a blocking foul from Devin Harris during the Raptors' 93-92 loss to the Hawks on Wednesday in Atlanta. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

Raptors part ways with Jose, say hello to Gay

NBA. Promising young big man Davis heading to Memphis; 7-footer Haddadi also to T.O.

The Toronto Raptors have traded point guard Jose Calderon and forward Ed Davis to the Memphis Grizzlies for forward Rudy Gay and centre Hamed Haddadi.

The Raptors confirmed the deal Wednesday night during a 93-92 loss to the Hawks in Atlanta.

Toronto is also sending a second-round draft choice in 2013 and cash considerations to the Grizzlies, who are flipping Calderon to the Detroit Pistons in exchange for forwards Austin Daye and Tayshaun Prince.

"This is the type of deal we have been looking for to take our team another step forward," said Raptors president and GM Bryan Colangelo in a statement.

"Rudy Gay is a dynamic wing that elevates our talent level significantly."

Calderon was the longest-serving member of the Raptors, having played his entire NBA career in Toronto. The six-foot-three Spaniard joined the team in the 2005-06 season and has played in 525 games, averaging 10.0 points and 7.2 assists per game.

Calderon, who was set to become a free agent at the end of the season, was surprised by the move.

Davis was Toronto's 13th overall pick in the 2010 NBA draft. In his two seasons, Davis has averaged 7.0 points and 6.9 rebounds mostly in a reserve role, although he has started several games this year with Andrea Bargnani and Jonas Valanciunas out with injuries.

Gay, the Grizzlies' leading scorer, has been the subject of trade speculation throughout the season as Memphis looks to unload his hefty max contract. The six-foot-eight small forward is due $16.5 million US this season with $37 million more over the next two years.

Davis, who has two more seasons left on his deal, is set to make $3.1 million next season.

The 26-year-old Gay has been with the Grizzlies since joining the NBA in 2006. He has averaged 17.9 points and 5.8 rebounds over seven seasons.

Haddadi is the first Iranian-born player in the NBA. The seven-foot-two centre has averaged 2.0 points, 2.1 rebounds and 6.1 minutes in 134 career outings, all with Memphis.

For Memphis, trading away Gay eases a luxury-tax hit due next season, while concentrating the team around centre Marc Gasol and all-star forward Zach Randolph.

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"It's been my home for eight years. I've done everything possible for this team. It's tough. The fans have been with me since Day 1. It's tough."

Jose Calderon speaking in Atlanta shortly before leaving the arena where the Raptors were taking on the Hawks

NCAA

Hoaxster tells Dr. Phil he was in love with Te'o

Dr. Phil McGraw says Ronaiah Tuiasosopo, who masterminded the dead girlfriend hoax involving Manti Te'o, told him the Notre Dame linebacker was not involved in the scheme and that he ended up falling "deeply, romantically" in love with the football player.

McGraw spoke on the Today show Wednesday, previewing an interview he did with Tuiasosopo, a 22-year-old California man who created the fictional woman Te'o knew as Lennay Kekua. Tuiasosopo's interview with McGraw will air in two parts on the Dr. Phil Show starting Thursday.

"There were many times where Manti and Lennay had broken up. But something would bring them back together whether it was something going on in his life, or in Lennay's life, in this case in my life," Tuiasosopo said.

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NHL

Sens halt Habs' win streak at four games

Daniel Alfredsson's first goal of the season proved to be the winner as the Ottawa Senators routed the Montreal Canadiens 5-1 on Wednesday night.

Jim O'Brien, Mika Zibanejad, Chris Phillips and Chris Neil also scored for the Senators (5-1-1), who got 31 saves from Craig Anderson.

Tomas Plekanec scored for Montreal (4-2-0), which saw its four-game winning streak come to an end. Peter Budaj faced 27 shots in his season debut.

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James Reimer, like many of his teammates, has yet to show strong play on a consistent basis for the young Maple Leafs. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Leafs yet to find solid middle ground

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Although this shortened NHL season is less than two weeks old, the Toronto Maple Leafs are well on their way to establishing an on-ice identity. Unfortunately, that identity is one of a split-personality team capable of overachieving (as they did in their win over Pittsburgh) and underwhelming (as was seen in their ugly loss to the New York Islanders).

Granted, you can make the argument that many, if not most NHL teams are stumbling between optimism-inspiring highs and gut-wrenching lows. But take a good look at who the Leafs really are and you'll see a group of players not renowned for their consistency.

Look in net and you'll see two goalies (James Reimer and Ben Scrivens) who have moments of brilliance as well as moments of the opposite. Look at Phil Kessel, Toronto's most skilled player: He's already feeling the heat after going goalless in his first six games, but Kessel has been a streaky player his entire career. Look at Matt Frattin: One of the brightest young lights in the Leafs' future couldn't make the NHL team out of a shortened training camp this season. But there he was Tuesday night, scoring the overtime winner against Buffalo.

Look at left-winger Nikolai Kulemin: Two seasons ago, the Russian amassed 30 goals and 57 points. Last season he posted only seven goals and 28 points. Would you bet money on him either way this season? I wouldn't. Same goes for James nan Riemsdyk, the Leafs' marquee off-season acquisition; the 23-year-old had an incredible seven-goals-in-11-playoff-games run for Philadelphia in 2011, but the reason he is an ex-Flyer is because he was unable to post similar performances on a more frequent basis.

Look, consistency is always going to be an issue for a young, evolving team like the Buds. Toronto is nowhere near the top Stanley Cup contenders precisely because they don't have the depth of experience that will keep them on an even keel all season long.

Forget about the cup for now — if the Leafs can narrow the gap between masterpiece and disasterpiece from night-to-night, that will be a fantastic sign for this franchise's future.

OHL

Ref banned for comments on Soo

An OHL referee's controversial Twitter post has cost him a lot more than the hostility of some hockey fans.

The OHL announced Wednesday that Joe Monette has been suspended for the rest of the 2012-13 season as well as the playoffs for his disparaging tweet about Sault Ste Marie.

Monette was in the city on Friday to officiate a game between the Greyhounds and Windsor when he posted "Soo Saint Marie, two words, Slim Pickens #noteeth #hicktown #allfaties."

The comment started a backlash on Twitter and Monette later apologized.

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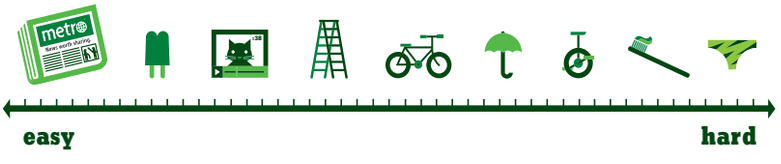

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Partnership issues will be a bit messy today and they will stay messy until someone makes a decision to sort things out. You know what is coming: That person will have to be you. You're the only one with any drive.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Cosmic activity at the midheaven angle of your chart means you have the power to make things happen, but it also means you will have to overcome opposition from rivals. Be brave and take the fight to them.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
With the Sun now moving through the most adventurous area of your chart, there is no way you will stay in one place for any length of time. Go where your instincts take you and don't worry that others might not approve.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will find yourself drawn to someone who is new to your social scene and you will quickly form a bond that cannot be broken. But don't neglect existing relationships — friends and family are relying on you.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A confrontation of some sort is likely today but that's good because you need to clear the air. Most of all, you need to let certain people know that you are not the sort who can be bad-mouthed without fighting back.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The planets warn if you don't treat what you are working on with more respect you will make a poor job of it, which in turn will reflect badly on you. All tasks are important, even the small ones.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no point in trying to hide your feelings because your face will betray you. If there is something you feel strongly about, come right out with it and let everyone know why you are suddenly so emotional. It will do you some good.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What goes around comes around and what you have to put up with today is most likely payback for something you said or did in the past. It's not some kind of cosmic punishment, it's just the way things work.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will rush here, there and everywhere today, and most likely get nowhere fast. The planets are trying to tell you that if you slow down a bit, you will accomplish more in the long-term. Try listening.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make it your aim today, and over the remainder of the week, to improve your professional and financial relationships. Show others you care about them as people and they'll show you what they can do for you.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The old always gives way to the new, so there really is no point holding on to what even you can now see is past its sell-by date. Take a few risks and move with the times. What have you got to lose?

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The more open and outgoing you are now, the more you will achieve a few weeks hence when the Sun begins its transit of your birth sign. What good is life if it is not an adventure? Time to explore!

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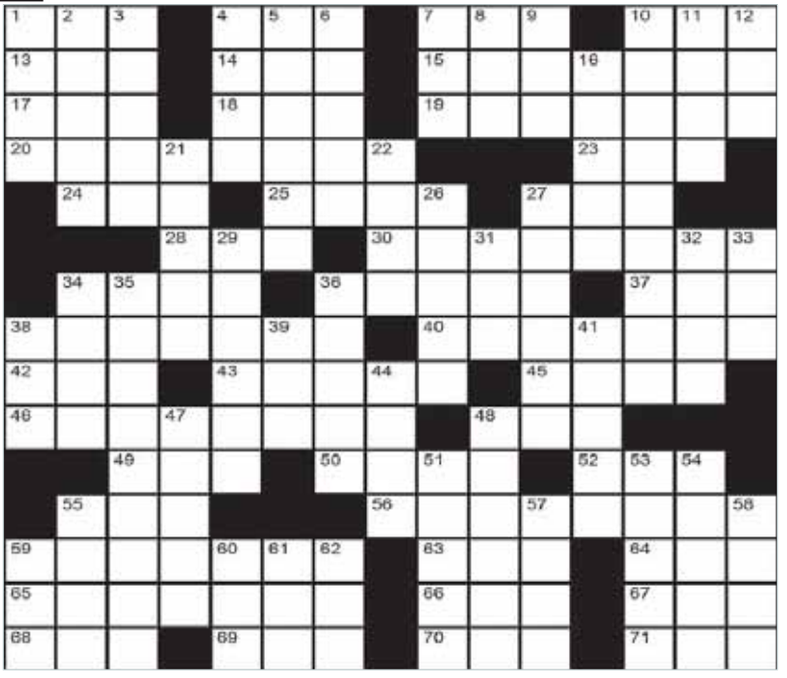
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

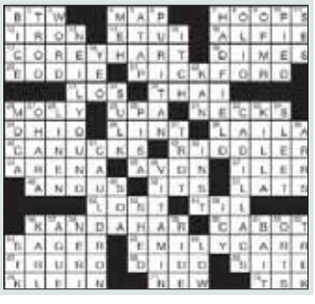
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Liq. measures
4. Astronaut's home-away-from-Earth, for short
7. River of Scotland
10. Java holder
13. Movie star, Aishwarya __
14. River of Hiroshima
15. Get
17. Computer co.
18. Scand. land
19. "The Honeymooners" role, Ralph __
20. Saskatchewan city: 2 wds.
23. 'Can' completer
24. Que. neighbour
25. Tree log bump
27. Garlic: French
28. Bear: Spanish
30. Search info on the Web: 2 wds.
34. Truant from the trenches, tiny-ly
36. Basketball great Mr. Thomas
37. Mai __ (Cocktail)
38. Foretell
40. CBC's "__ Den"
42. Early hrs.
43. Unrefined
45. NBA's Phoenix __
46. The __ Mountains, New York
48. Transport for T.O. commuters
49. Everest, et al.
50. River of Asia
52. Acting prompt
55. Fair-hiring letters
56. "Four __ Canada" on Slice
59. Residential†area way off from the city
63. US gov. radio service
64. Movie special effects, commonly
65. Mr. Bisson, star of CBC's "Murdoch Mysteries"
66. Composer Mr. Berlin, for short
67. Crop
68. CPR giver, often
69. "Um, like... what?"
70. Compass dir.
71. NnnNN

Down
1. __ and proper
2. Verboten
3. __ Fraser University
4. Ms. Skye of "Say Anything..." (1989)
5. Canadian skating great Elvis
6. Plastic wrap
7. Noah's __
8. "__ darn tootin'!"
9. Elvis record label
10. Duchess Kate's maiden name
11. Iris spot
12. __-Xer
16. Web letter
21. Didn't sit
22. Happy tail moves
26. Performance enhancers, slang-style
27. Shocked
29. Oil-messes-on-water
31. Paddle
32. Author Mr. Fleming's
33. Not 'twas
34. Weapons: Latin
35. Posh area of Montreal
36. Rome's home
38. Classic video game, __-Man
39. Dernier __ (The latest fashion)
41. Italian luxury label since 1921
44. Shredded cabbage
47. Shock jock Howard
48. Henry VIII, and kin
51. Some jeans
53. '60s series, "The Man from _.-._.-._."
54. Prod: 2 wds.
55. Test
57. Funnyman Mr. Foley
58. Daintily drinks
59. Logo of CBS
60. Tende
61. Hosp. area
62. Egyptian Myth: Beatified spirit

Yesterday's Crossword



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2		1			4	5		
		4		5				
			3	7		8		
3			9		5			4
		7		8	2			
				1		6		
		6	8			2		5
7	1					3		

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	6	9	8	5	1	7	3	2
8	7	1	3	2	4	9	5	6
5	2	3	7	6	9	4	8	1
9	4	7	1	8	3	6	2	5
1	8	6	2	4	5	3	9	7
2	3	5	9	7	6	8	1	4
6	9	4	5	3	2	1	7	8
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